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Executive Letters Continued from page 448

From the Governor to Thomas Malone Clerk of the Superior Court of Washington County

Dft 303 [illegible]

Town of Washington 3 July 1810

Sir,

The bond which came to hand under cover of your letter of the 24th ultimo, is in every respect correct, except as to the amount of the penalty. The law requires that clerks of the Superior Courts should give bond in the penal sum of seven thousand dollars. I therefore return the one which you inclosed to me and request that you will have another executed conformable to the act entitled "An act establishing Superior Courts and declaring the powers of the Territorial Courts and Judges. See page 126 of Digest.

I am Sir your obedient Servant

David Holmes

[illegible] Malone Esqr

From the Governor to the Secretary of War

Town of Washington July 9. 1810

Sir

I have this day drawn a bill of exchange upon you in favour of David Henry Interpreter to the Chactaw Indians for Seventy five dollars being the amount of his salary for the quarter ending the first day of the present month.

I am Sir your obedient servant

David Holmes

Hon William Eustis
Secretary of War

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From the Governor to the Secretary of State

Town of Washington 11 July 1810.

Sir,

In my letter of the 20 Ultimo upon the subject of the political situation of West Florida; I expressed an opinion that a determination existed among the people to endeavor to bring about a change in the government. That opinion has been confirmed by a movement recently made towards effecting the object. On the first day of this month a considerable number of the inhabitants of the four upper districts; which comprehend that part of the province called Feliciana met pursuant to a notice at the town of Clinton (Sterling) about fifteen miles from the Mississippi and about ten from the line of demarkation. The ostensible object of the meeting was to take into consideration the state of the province, and to adopt some mode of rendering their situation more secure against both foreign invasion and internal disturbances. Those who had been active in procuring the assemblage, submitted to the consideration of the people a project (previously arranged) which was agreed to by almost an unanimous voice; out of five hundred persons which I have been informed was about the number present. There were but eleven who dissented. Conformable to the plan then adopted, the people proceeded immediately to elect from among themselves four persons to act as representatives of the four upper districts. The names of the persons chosen are; John Rhea, John Johnson, William Barrow & John Mills; all of them wealthy and respectable men. It is made their duty in the first

place) to communicate with the people of the other districts (Provinces) and to endeavor to prevail upon them, to adopt a similar course) by electing from each remaining district (being six in number) one representative. This Council which will consist of ten members provided the inhabitants come into the measure) are invested with general powers to be exercised in any way they may think best calculated to promote the good of the Community. The necessity of dismissing the Spanish officers was not suggested to the people at the meeting; on the other hand it was tacitly understood that the Council when organized would suffer them to remain in office, provided they acknowledged the new authority, and consented to be controlled and regulated thereby. You may readily conjecture how this business will ultimately eventuate. I am satisfied from an knowledge of the sentiments of some of the most respectable inhabitants, that the whole proceeding may be considered as an incipient to the more decisive and important measure of asking the protection of the United States. It is true that many of the inhabitants would regret to see this step taken; some from an attachment to the British Government and others from personal causes; but a large majority of the respectable and wealthy, think of looking to no other power for protection.

In conversing upon this subject I have thought it my duty to be extremely guarded and have avoided in every instance to express an opinion as to the course that the government of the United States would pursue in relation to the affairs of Florida under any circumstances

I have the honor to be
with great respect Sir
your obedient
Servant.
David Holmes

Hon. Robert Smith
Secretary of State

From the Governor to Henry Green

Town of Washington 13 July 1810.

Sir,

Be pleased to deliver to Mr. L. Bunkill Brigade Quarter Master all the ammunition belonging to the United States, now in your possession.

I am your obedient
Servant
David Holmes

Mr. Henry Green
Greenville

From the Governor to Capt. Semple

Town of Washington 17. July 1810.

Sir,

I received your letter of the 5th instant by Dotts Davidson containing your resignation of the office of Justice of the Quorum for Wilkinson County. Capt. Dawson has been appointed to supply the vacancy. While I regret that it does not comport with your convenience to serve longer in this capacity I must request that you will accept of a Commission in the military line. I am very desirous that a Troop of Cavalry should be organized in your County, and have been informed that the object can be easily accomplished, provided you will accept the Command. I therefore

forwarded to you by Doctr Dawdson a Commission as Captn
of Cavalry and request that you will recommend proper
persons to fill the subaltern appointments.

I am with great respect
Sir your obt Servt
David Holmes

Capt Robert Semple

From the Governor to Major Hawes

Town of Washington 17. July 1810.

Sir

I received your letter of the 23rd Ultimo
with the papers mentioned as accompanying it.

The laws passed at the last Session have not been
printed: I have some expectation of receiving them
in four or five weeks, when I shall embrace the
first opportunity of transmitting the proportion of
copies for Washington District. This delay which has
been productive of much inconvenience throughout
the Territory, was in some measure occasioned by the
terms of the contract made by a Committee of the Legislature
with the printer who engaged to do the work.

I shall expect to hear from you if any important
occurrences (take) place in your quarter of the Country.

I am Sir your obedient
Servant

David Holmes

Major Isaac Hawes

From the Governor to Silas Dinsmoor esqr.

Town of Washington 17. July 1810.

Sir,

The Cattle Arthur wishes to occupy one of the stands for keeping a house of entertainment on the public road that passes through the Choctaw Nation to the State of Tenn. and has produced to me satisfactory testimonials of his being entitled to the confidence necessarily reposed in those who are permitted to occupy stands in the Indian Country, I therefore consider this, as my recommendation in his favour.

I am Sir your Ob. Sert.

Silas Dinsmoor esqr. Agent to the Choctaws

David Holmes

From the Governor to the Secretary of State.

Town of Washington 18. June 1810.

Sir,

Conformable to the Ordinance for the government of this Territory, I have the honor to transmit to you by the mail a copy of the executive correspondence for the half year ending the thirtieth day of June 1810.

I have the honor to be

Robert Smith esqr. Secretary of State

your obedient servant

David Holmes

By David Holmes Governor of the Mississippi Territory

A Proclamation

Whereas there exists good cause to believe that

a murder has been committed upon the body of a man whose
corpse was found on the eleventh instant, in the County of Knox
aforesaid between the dwellings of Col. Hugh Davis and Col. Wm Pope,
and Whereas there are no circumstances known that attach
suspicion to any particular person. Now therefore, to the end
that the perpetrator or perpetrators of this attrocious act
may be brought to justice, I do hereby offer a reward of
two hundred dollars to any person who will apprehend and
lodge in any jail of this Territory, the person or persons who
may have committed the murder aforesaid; And I do hereby
enjoin on all officers and other good Citizens to aid and assist
in discovering and securing the said murderer or murderers.

Given under my hand and the
Seal of the Territory at the Town
of Washington this twenty third
day of July in the Year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred
and ten, and of the Independence
of the United States of America
the thirty fifth.

David Holmes

Seal

From the Governor to Judge Toulmin

Town of Washington July the 30th 1810

Sir,

I have this moment received your letter
of the 21st instant. I wrote to you on the 8th of June in answer
to yours of the 26th May, and enclosed at the same time a pardon
for the two Indians. On the 15th of June I again wrote to you
and enclosed a duplicate of the pardons neither of these letters

are noticed in your last as received. I presume therefore they
miscarried. The Presidents pardon however supersedes the ne-
ty of any acting on the subject.

The aid which you have so cheerfully afforded in
ing into operation the law for taking the Census, merits a sp
cial acknowledgement from myself and evidences that disp
tion to promote the public interest which comports with you
character.

The letter from the Governor of West Florida which
you state to have transmitted to me, never came to hand. T
only information I have received upon the subject to which
supposed it relates, is contained in your letter now before m
I sincerely hope there exists no cause to apprehend, that any p
ty is forming in your part of the Territory to commit lawl
ful outrages or agressions upon the adjacent provinces; th
attempt would ruin the individuals who might engage in
injure the reputation of the Country, must be productive
of much mischief. The Government of the United States
would discountenance such an assumption of authority by
all the means within their power.

I regret extremely that the Commissioners for Washington
County have so long neglected to perform the duty assigned to them
and sincerely hope, that they will come to a determination with
out much further delay. From what I understand the points upo
which they differ are not interesting to the people generally; I sh
not have time to copy the laws, and forward it by this mail
otherwise I should have no objection to adopt the course sugge

Hon. Judge Goodman.

I am Sir your Servant
Daniel Holmes

P. S. I send by the bearer $ 8.67. the amount of the postage on the package relative to the Census.

D. H.

From the Governor to Col. Calder

Town of Washington 31. July, 1810.

Sir,

Your letter of the 28. ultimo was received a few days ago. The one which you state to have written to me some time ago announcing your intention to resign the Command of the 6th Regiment, never came to hand. It gives me much satisfaction to learn that harmony prevails among the officers of your Regiment and I regret that you should think of retiring from the Command.

The present state of the foreign relations of the Government of the United States is certainly not the most favourable to peace; and I trust upon further reflection you will change your determination. Should you however continue in the same opinion, the mode you propose of filling the vacancy that your resignation will occasion cannot be consistently adopted. The senior officer of the highest grade must of course be promoted to the Command.

A report has been in circulation as I am informed, that a number of Citizens resident in your part of the Country, have associated themselves for the purpose of committing some lawless aggressions upon the adjacent province of West Flori

I sincerely hope there exists no foundation for this rumour; the attempt would ruin the individuals who might engage in it - injure the reputation of the Country, and be productive of much mischief. I shall be glad to receive any information you may be able to procure upon this subject, and shall value

late upon your vigilence and patriotism. Nothing I assure you
but could do more real injury to your part of the Territory than
an attempt of this kind.

I am Sir your obt Servt

David Holmes.

Col James Carter
of the 6th Regt

By David Holmes Governor of the
Mississippi Territory.

To the Sheriff of Jefferson County.

Whereas William Snodgrass late a member of the Hou
of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Territor
from the County of Jefferson has resigned his Seat.

I do therefore issue this writ authorising and dire
ing you to hold an election conformable to law, in your
County, on the twenty seventh and twenty eighth days
of the present month, to fill the vacancy occasioned there

Given under my hand and
the seal of the Territory at the
Town of Washington, this sec
day of August in the year Eig
een Hundred and ten, and in
the thirty fifth year of the Indepe
ence of the United States of America

Seal

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Judge Jones.

Town of Washington M.T. 4th August 18[illegible]

Sir,

Your letter of 31st ulty came to hand a few days ago conformable to the practice that has heretofore prevailed of investing persons with the authority to administer Oaths of Offices, I have enclosed to Louis Winston esquire the Attorney General for Madison county, an instrument in writing from under my hand, authorising William Dickson the Chief Justice of the Orphans Court, to administer to you the Oath to support the Constitution of the United States and also the Oath of office.

From the circumstance of the County Courts in this Territory not being empowered to take cognizance of criminal cases it is very important that the Superior Court should be held in Madison county on the 1st Monday in October next. This induces me to request that you will have the goodness to turn your attention again to the subject. It is with great diffidence I assure you Sir that I differ with you as to the construction that ought to be given to the Act of Congress and the act of the Territorial Legislature relative to this case. If the spirit and intention of these laws are to govern, I cannot see where the question admits of a doubt. but conscious that my opinion ought not to preponderate when in opposition to one entertained by a gentleman occupying a high judicial station, I thought proper to consult all the gentlemen of legal learning in this place; they were unanimously of opinion that the Court might be held on the day appointed by the Act of the Territorial Legislature

I am with great respect your ob[illegible]

David Holmes

Honble Obidiah Jones

1 August 1810.

William Dickson of Harrison County was authorized by the Governor to administer the Oaths of office to Obadiah Jones of the Judges of the Territory, appointed for the County of Adams

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From the Governor to Levis Winston esqr.

Town of Washington 11 August 1810.

Sir,

I received your letter of the 18th June by Governor Williams. I am glad to hear that Major O Neal has consented to act as an assistant in taking the Census. I forward to you by the bearer two copies of the Digest, and a copy of the law respecting the Superior Courts. The Digest I wish you distributed among the justices of the Quorum. A greater number cannot be conveniently, and by the present opportunity. The copy of the law respecting the Courts may be lodged in the office for the use of those who may have occasion to peruse it. I will thank you to forward the enclosed letter to Judge Jones provided he is not in attendance when this gets to hand. It seems the Judge doubts whether he can legally hold a Court in October next, because the Act of Congress says, that the Courts are to be holden at such times and place as the Legislature may direct. The Legislature had appointed the times and places before the Act of Congress was passed, and therefore the Judge thinks that another law on the subject is requisite. I have consulted all the Gentlemen of law learning in this place; they entertain no doubt but the Court may be legally held in October next. The spirit and intention of the two acts certainly procure this Construction. I hope therefore he will re-consider his opinion

The enclosed power you will deliver to Doctr Dorr

I am dear Sir your
obedient Servant
David Holmes

Louis L Winston esqr.

From the Governor to the United States agent to the Chickasaws

Town of Washington 5. August 1810.

Sir,

I have received information that a notice has been published by you advertising travellers against taking any other road, in passing through the Indian Country except the public trace; and declaring all those who may travel by ways out of the protection of the laws of the United States. It has been suggested to me that the tenor of this advertisement holds out the idea, that the Indians may punish with impunity, any person who shall depart from the public trace in their journey through the country. If the the paper really conveys this idea I would advise you to reconsider the subject. In my opinion the Indians ought not to be encouraged in any instance to take redress into their own hands for infractions of law committed by white persons.

I will thank you to forward to me a copy of the paper, in order that I may see whether the oral information I have received is correct. In the mean time be assured Sir that I have full confidence in the goodness of your intentions and that you will cheerfully rectify any error that may have occurred from inadvertance.

I am Sir with great respect
your obedient servant
David Holmes

Isaac Kelly esqr U S Agent
to the Chickasaws

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From the Governor to Judge Toulmin

Town of Washington 9th Aug. 1810.

Dr Sir,

I received this morning your letter of the 28th Ultimo with the memorandum it inveloped. My concern is excited for the delusion under which certain persons in your part of this Territory appear to labour.

The present state of affairs in West Florida and the situation of the United States relative thereto unquestionably require at this moment the serious and attentive consideration of our government; consequently an attempt at this time, by any of our citizens to commit aggressions upon the Provinces might be productive of much injury to the good people of this Territory, and especially to those who have an interest in the prosperity of the settlements on the waters of the Mobile.

I entreat you therefore Sir to impress upon the public mind, the danger that would attend such an expedition as you seem to think may be in contemplation; not only to the individuals who might be so unfortunate as to engage with it, but to the best interests of the Citizens in your quarter of the Country.

I am Sir with respect

Your obt Servant

David Holmes.

Judge Toulmin

P.S. Your letter covering one from the Commandant at Pensacola to Col. Sparks, was received here a few days after the direct mail to Tombigbee left this City.

D.H.

By David Holmes Governor of the

Mississippi Territory

To the Sheriff of Wilkinson County

Whereas John Nugent late a member of the House of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Territory from the County of Wilkinson has resigned his seat.

I do therefore issue this writ, authorizing and directing you to hold an election conformable to law, in your County on the tenth and eleventh days of September next, to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby

Given under my hand and the seal of the Territory, at the Town of Washington this eleventh day of August in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and ten, and in the thirty fifth year of the Independence of the United States of America

Seal

David Holmes —

By David Holmes Governor of the

Mississippi Territory.

Whereas it appears that a fine of two hundred and twenty dollars was assessed against William M. Byrnes by the last Superior Court, held for the County of Adams, for an assault and battery committed upon the body of Joseph Cooper. Now Know ye that for certain causes to me

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Sheriff I do hereby remit and release) one hundred and twenty dollars of said fine of two hundred and twenty dollars.

Seal

Given under my hand and (the seal of the Territory) this 24th day of August 1810.

David Holmes

Head Quarters

Town of Washington N.T.

August 24. 1810.

General Orders.

It is ordered that the Regimental musters of the militia of the Territory, be held on the days and at the places herein mentioned.

The first Regiment will muster on the first Wednesday in October next at the Town of Liberty.

The second Regiment on the Saturday following at Gray Plantation.

The third regiment on the second Tuesday in October at the Town of Washington.

The eleventh Regiment on the Friday following at Sam Montgomerys Gin.

The fourth Regiment will muster on the third Monday in October next at Greenville.

The fifth Regiment on the Thursday following at Gibson Port.

The tenth Regiment will muster on the fourth [illegible]
next at Warrenton.

The sixth Regiment will muster on monday the 22. day of Octobre at such convenient place in the County of Washington as the Commandant of the Regiment shall order.

The eighth Regiment will muster on thursday the twenty fifth day of Octobre at such convenient place in the County of Baldwin as the Commandant of that Regiment shall order.

The ninth Regiment will muster on monday the twenty ninth day of October at such convenient place in the County of Wayne as the Commandant of the Regiment shall order.

The seventh Regiment will muster on the twenty ninth day of October at Twickenham.

David Holmes

Commander in Chief of the Militia of the Miss Territory

Head Quarters
Town of Washington
31st Augt 1810

General Orders.

The Commander in Chief countermands so much of the General Order issued on the 24 instant as relates to the place of mustering the Second Regiment: it is Ordered that they muster at the place designated for holding the Courts for within our County, instead of Percy's plantation as directed by the said Order

David Holmes
Com in Chief Militia
Miss Ter.

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From the Governor to Major Neilson

Town of Washington 27 Augt 1810.

Sir

I forwarded to you yesterday a General Order dated the 24 instant. Your Regiment you will perceive muster on Wednesday the 3. October.

I now enclose to you a Commission as a justice of the peace for Washington County which I hope you will find it convenient to accept.

I am Sir your obt Servt

David Holmes.

Major David Neilson
1st Regt

From the Governor to Col. Davis

Town of Washington

25 August 1810.

Sir

I enclose to you a general Order issued on yesterday directing the times and places of holding the Regimental musters conformable to the law for organizing the militia of this Territory. Your Regiment you will observe is to muster on Saturday the 6th of October

I am Sir your obedient Servant

David Holmes

Col. Hugh Davis
of the 2. Regiment

From the Governor to Col. Perkins

Town of Washington M.T. 29 Sept. 1810

Sir, Annexed is a copy of a General Order issued on the 24th instant directing the times and places of holding the Regimental musters Conformable to the law for organizing the militia of this Territory. Your Regiment you will observe is to muster on monday the twenty ninth day of October next at Twichenham

I am Sir your obt Sert

David Holmes

Col. Perkins of the 7th Regiment

From the Governor to Col. Collins

Town of Washington 28 August 1810.

Sir, I had the honor to receive your letter of the 19th instant on yesterday. The candid explanation it Contains gives me much satisfaction.

I assure you Sir no one can be more sensible than myself of the great inconvenience that must be sustained by the Citizens in your part of the Territory in Consequence of the restraints and exactions imposed upon their Commerce at Mobile and I declare to you that no exertions of mine shall be wanting to have them legally and constitutionally removed. The subject I entertain no doubt occupies the attention of our Government.

I enclose to you a General Order issued on the 24th instant by which you will see that your Regiment is to muster

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on monday the 22nd of October at such place in the County of Washington as you may Order.

I am Sir your ob't Sert

David Holmes

Col. James Callaway
of the 6th Regt

From the Governor to Major Hawes

Town of Washington 28 August 1814

Sir,

I have forwarded to Col's Callaway, Carson & Patton copies of the enclosed General Orders, the letters containing them are directed to Fort St. Stephens, of this I will thank you to inform the Colo. by the earliest opportunity.

I am with great respect

your obt. Servt

David Holmes

Major John Hawes
Aid de camp to the
Com. in Chief

From the Governor to Col. Carson.

Town of Washington 28 Augt 1814

Sir,

Annexed is a general Order, given on the 24th instant directing the times and places of holding the Regimental musters of the militia of this Territory. Your Regiment you will observe is to muster on Thursday the twenty fifth day of October at such place in the County of Baldwin as you may direct.

I am Sir your Ob'
Sert

David Holmes

Col. Carson of the
8th Regiment

From the Governor to Col Patton

Town of Washington 28 Aug. 1810

Sir Annexed is a general Order issued on the 24th inst. directing the times and places of holding the Regimental musters of the militia of this Territory. By your Regiment you will observe is to muster on ~~monday~~ the 29th day of October at such place in the County of Wayne as you may direct.

I am Sir your
obt Sert
David Holmes

Col. Patton of the
4th Regiment

From the Governor to Major Bowman

Town of Washington 30 Augt 1810.

Dear Sir,

I requested Major Sturgus to solicit your acceptance of the office of Brigade Major. The answer he reported to me leaves some ground to hope that you may be prevailed upon to comply with my wishes. Conscious that motives of patriotism alone will actuate you in accepting the office you may rest assured that nothing shall be withheld on my part to render a discharge of the duties both agreeable and convenient to yourself.

I am Sir your obt
Sert
David Holmes

P.S. Be pleased to let me hear from you by an early opportunity

D H

Joseph Bowman Esqr.

I do therefore issue this writ authorizing and requiring you to hold an election conformable to law on the fifteenth and sixteenth days of October next, to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Territory at the Town of Washington this three day of September in the year eighteen hundred and ten, and in the thirty fifth year of the Independence of the United States of America

David Holmes

Seal

From the Governor to the Sheriff of Washington

Town of Washington 4. Septr 1810.

Sir

I transmit to you by the bearer Mr Lecos a writ of election for the purpose of having a member elected to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of John Hanson Esqr. You will in performing this duty be governed by the act (regulating) elections and "an act (apportioning) the Representatives from the several Counties within this Territory and for other purposes". The Citizens of the three Counties, Washington, Baltimore and Wayne, are to vote as if no division of the County of Washington had taken place, and at the places prescribed by the later passed the first of march

eighteen hundred and eight.

I am Sir your obt Servt

(Signed) David Holmes.

Benjamin Smoot esqr
Sheriff of Washington
County.

From the Governor to His Excellency Govr Folch

Town of Washington M. T. 4. Sept 1810

Sir,

I have received information through a respectable channel that the Commandant at Mobile about the beginning of August last caused to be assembled in that Town, a considerable number of the Chahtaw Indians belonging to the six Towns for the purpose of defending the place against an attack which was meditated by certain Citizens of the United States residing on the waters of Tombigbee. The principle assumed by this conduct, and the consequences which it may have a tendency to bring about; makes it my duty to call your attention to the subject. If the Commandant had any reasonable cause to believe that an attack was really meditated against the place by the Citizens of Tombigbee; that deference which is due to the authority of the United States ought to have induced from him, a communication stating the grounds of his alarm, and asking the interposition of this Government. He thought proper however to pursue a very different course; and one which your Excellency must be sensible forms a firm basis for the most decided and unequivocal remonstrance.

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The Indians residing within the limits of the United States are properly considered as under the protection of the Government thereto are therefore professing to exercise authority derived from any other source, can be permitted to interfere in the smallest degree with what concerns them; much less can it be admitted that any one has the right to engage their personal services for the purpose of forming a military force, to whatever object that force may be destined. A contrary position would tend not only to impair the obligations acknowledged to be due from the Indians to the Government of the United States in consequence of the protection they receive, but also to establish the extraordinary principle, that an authority derived from a source unknown to our laws, or assumed of itself could be rightfully exercised within the known permanent limits of our country; a principle so abhorrent to the Territorial rights of an Independent nation that it cannot for a moment be tolerated.

Convinced as I am, that your Excellency upon giving to this subject the consideration which it merits will perfectly accord with me in the view which I have taken of it I do not hesitate to request, that prompt and effectual means be employed to prevent a repetition of similar conduct in future.

I have the honor to be with respectful Consideration your Excellencys obedient Servant

David Holmes

His Excellency
Governor Folch
Pensacola West Florida

From His Excellency to Meriwether Jones

Secretary of War dated U.S. 1810

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 3d instant from St Louis on Sunday last. The circumstances of your resignation the conduct of the Commissioners of Indian affairs respecting the Chickasaw Indians have rendered me fearful lest the Chickasaws should be induced to attack the settlements on the Mississippi and I have therefore thought it necessary to direct the Governor of Louisiana to order a Regiment of Militia to be held in readiness to march to the Chickasaw Bluffs should it be found necessary.

I have written to the Governor of Louisiana requesting him to order a Regiment of Militia to be held in readiness to march to the Chickasaw Bluffs should it be found necessary.

I have written to the Governor of Tennessee requesting him to order a detachment of Militia to be held in readiness to march to the Chickasaw Bluffs should it be found necessary.

I have written to the Governor of Kentucky requesting him to order a detachment of Militia to be held in readiness to march to the Chickasaw Bluffs should it be found necessary.

I have written to the Governor of Georgia requesting him to order a detachment of Militia to be held in readiness to march to the Chickasaw Bluffs should it be found necessary.

I have written to the Governor of Mississippi requesting him to order a detachment of Militia to be held in readiness to march to the Chickasaw Bluffs should it be found necessary.

I have written to the Governor of Alabama

From the Governor to the Sheriff of Baltimore

Town of Washington 4 Sept 1812

Sir

I have received information that you have ascertained to certify the Citizens of Baltimore County only, of the elections which were have been directed to hold in consequence of the vacancies occasioned by the resignations of the

The division of the County which took place subsequent to the passage of the law for apportioning the representatives, does not make any alteration in the manner of holding the elections. They are to be governed by the same laws, that formed the rule of conduct at the last general elections, and the people of both Counties must be notified to attend at the places prescribed by the 8th section of the act entitled "an act apportioning the representatives from the several Counties within this State, and for other purposes" passed the 1st of March 1808. In fine you are to conduct the business in every respect as if no division of the County had taken place.

I am with respect your

Hugh Cornell esqr

Obt Servant

David Stevens

From the Governor the Clerks of the C. & Q. Courts

State of Washington 8 September 1812

Sir

The recurrence of an illegal combination on the part of a number of the Citizens of Baltimore formed for the purpose of attacking a libel and Personal is still in circulation, and continues to excite concern not only in the minds of those Citizens

devoted to the support of the authority of the United States, such as actually feel for the situation of the inhabitants in quarter of the Territory, and would take any legal and constitu means to promote their best interests.

The resorting to force for the purpose of freeing them from the exactions and restrictions to which their Commerce subjected, would have a tendency to retard, rather than to p citate the object of their wishes. The Government of the United States could not yield to such a system of conduct, without sacr ficing the laws and Constitution of the Country. No portion of the Union have any right to expect such a sacrifice, and will be gr giously mistaken if they make any calculation of the kind.

For my own part I entertain no doubt but that the ju ject generally, of our relative situations with West Florida wi seriously occupy the attention of Congress at the next Session I have strong hopes that every thing will terminate before many months to the interests of the Citizens in your quarter of the Coun provided no act is committed by them to render abortive the exertions of those who are sincerely and ardently desirous of serv them. With these impressions you cannot but be sensible tha my anxiety upon this subject is great; it arises as well from a sense of duty and respect for the authority of the Govern of the United States, as from a sincere regard for the best i terests of the Citizens affected by the existing restraints upon their Commerce.

The individuals who might be so unfortunate as to engage in any enterprize in opposition to the laws, would put

put to hazard both their fortunes and reputations. I cannot therefore bring myself to believe, that any considerable portion of the people will become the subjects of such delusion. If however an attempt is made by any set of men to arm and embody with a view to commit aggressions upon any of the inhabitants of the adjacent provinces of West Florida. I shall rely upon your exertions to aid the civil authority to suppress it. My confidence in your love of country - in your respect for the free institutions under which we live, and your attachment to the best interests of your fellow citizens in the part of the Territory where you reside are sure pledges that this reliance is not improperly placed.

I am Sir your obt

servant.

David Holmes

forwarded to

Colo Callen, Cawson & Patton

From the Governor to Col Sparks -

Town of Washington Septr 9. 1810.

Sir/ I have only time by this opportunity to ask of you to communicate to me as early as possible, whether at present you have cause to believe that a party of men from the Tombigbee settlements have it actually in contemplation to attack Mobile, or whether the project which was spoken of some time ago has been abandoned. I received by the last mail a communication from the department of State which convinces me that you have it in your power to give more correct information upon the subject than any other gentleman friendly to the government in your part of the Territory.

I am sir your respectfu

David Holmes

Col Sparks Fort Stoddert

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From the Governor to Judge Toulmin

Town of Washington 8. Sept

Sir,

The rumours of an expedition against ... being in contemplation by a number of persons resi... in your part of the country still continues to exist. Y... may readily suppose that I feel great anxiety upon ... subject: It arises not only from a sense of duty and ... respect which is due to the authority of our laws, but f... a sincere regard for those who may become the unfor... subjects of a delusion calculated to ruin their fortunes ... expectations, and to retard the accomplishment of the... very objects they may have in view. These reasons ... I have thought proper to communicate to some gentl... whose influence I am inclined to think it properly exe... may be sufficient to check any attempt to offence by ... the civil authority. I will thank you to let me ... from you by the first opportunity

I am Sir respectfully

Yours

David Holmes

Hon'ble.
Harry Toulmin

Head Quarters
Town of Washington
10th Sept 1810

General Orders

The Commanders of the respective ... Troops of Cavalry now organised or that may be

hereafter be organized are to continue [illegible] under the immediate command of the Commander in Chief (from whom all orders will issue for mustering) and the performance and the performance of such other duties as he may deem proper to direct"

The Jefferson Troop are ordered to parade at Greenville on the third monday in October next being the day and place appointed for the mustering of the fourth Regiment. They will form upon the right of the Regiment"

David Holmes
Commander in Chief

A similar order relative
to the Adams Troop was issued
the same day —

From the Governor to the U. States Agent to Chatt

Town of Washington 11 Septr 1810.

Sir

Mr. Samuel Stitchell wishes to occupy one of the stands for keeping a house of entertainment on the public road that passes through the Chactaw nation to the State of Tennessee, and having satisfactory testimonials of his being entitled to the confidence necessarily reposed in those who are permitted to occupy stands in the Indian Country, you will therefore consider this as my recommendation in his favour

I am Sir your obt

Silas Dinsmoor esqr

Servt David Holmes

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From the Governor to Col. Hicks.

Town of Washington 11 Sept. 1810.

Sir,

I enclose to you two general Orders issued the 24 & 27th Ultimo directing the times and places of holding the Regimental musters conformable to the laws for organizing the militia of the Territory. Your Regiment you will observe is to muster on monday the 22. day of October at Warrenton.

I am Sir your obt. Servant

(Signed) David Holmes

Col. Benj. Hicks of the 10th Regiment

From the Governor to Col. Jones

Town of Washington 13. Septr 1810

Sir

I enclose to you a General Order issued on the 24th Ultimo directing the times and places of holding the regimental musters conformable to the laws for organizing the militia of this Territory. Your Regiment you will observe is to muster on friday the 11th of October at Joseph Montgomerys Gin.

I am Sir your obt.

(Signed) David Holmes

Col. Jones of the 11th Regiment

From the Governor to Col. Fitzpatrick

Town of Washington 15 Sept. 1810.

Sir,

When you were last in this place I think you mentioned to me that one of the Majors of your Regiment had either resigned or removed out of the county; and at the same time mentioned to me the name of the Captain whom it would be proper to promote to the command of the battalion; As this conversation took place where I had no opportunity of making a memorandum the circumstance escaped my memory. I will thank you therefore to let me know by the first opportunity the name of the Gentleman who is entitled to the promotion

I am Sir your obt

Col. Fitzpatrick of the 4th Regiment

Servant

David Holmes

P.S. I enclose to you orders of the twenty fourth and 27th of August and 10 September

D.H.

From the Governor to Judge Toulmin.

Town of Washington 16 Sept. 1810.

Dear Sir,

I am very anxious to hear from you on the subject of the combination which it is said is forming for the purpose of attacking Mobile: I cannot believe that any thing of the kind is really intended

let as I may possibly be mistaken I have thought

to give the Colonels of the Regiments in Washington

Wayne and Baldwin orders to aid the Civil au

if called upon to suppress any attempt that may be m

to violate in this respect the laws of the United States

I am Sir respectfully

your obedient Servan

Hon'ble Harry Toulmin

David Holmes.

From the Governor to Major Hanes

Town of Washington 16. Sept'r 1810.

Dear Sir

For some time past a rumour has bee

in circulation here, that a combination was forming in

your part of the Territory for the purpose of attacking Mob

The extravagance and folly of such an attempt

ruinous consequences that would certainly result to the

individuals who might be so unfortunate as to become

the subjects of such delusions, and the impossibility of

procuring any desirable object that could be attain

even if the attempt should prove successful, are circu

stances which renders it difficult for me to belive that

any thing of the kind is seriously intended. Yet as I m

possibly be mistaken I have thought proper to direct

respective Colonels of the Regiments in Washington, Lowndes and Baldwin to aid the civil authority in suppressing any unlawful expedition that may be undertaken.

The subject generally of the relative situation of West Florida to the United States will no doubt occupy the attention of Congress at their next Session. Nothing therefore could be attended with more injurious consequences to the interest of the Citizens of Tombigbee, than an attempt of this nature. I wish you to inform me by the earliest opportunity whether you think any project of the kind is still in contemplation

I am with respect your

Obt Servant

David Holmes

Major John Haines
Aid de Comp to Com.
in Chief

(Circular)

From the Governor to Cols Baller, Pearson & Patton.

Town of Washington 16. Sept 1810.

Sir,

I wrote to you on the 8th instant on the subject of a measure that has prevailed here for some time past, that a number of persons citizens of the United States residing on the Tombigbee had combined for the purpose of attacking Mobile but my letter may have miscarried, I embrace the present opportunity of informing you that an attempt is made by any party of men to commit infractions of the law by arming and embodying for the purpose of committing aggressions upon the adjacent Province of West Florida you are to aid the civil authority

Head Quarters

Town of Washington 22 September 1814.

General Orders,

The Commander in Chief Countermands so much of the General Order issued on the 10th instant as directs the Adjutant Troops to form on the right of the Regiment — they will form on such ground in the vicinity of the Town of Washington as the Commander of the Troop may think best calculated for the accomodation of Cavalry.

(Sd) David Holmes

Commander in Chief

From the Governor to Judge Forman

Town of Washington 25 Septr 1814.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter of the 16th instant by the first mail and write a copy of mine change of the Governor. For this constancy of your attention receive my best thanks

I have commenced the Office at Owen in conformation with the Legislature. The enterprize of Lieutenant is entitled to encouragement. I enclose to you a Licence for the Gaines which you will deliver to him if in your opinion his qualifications entitle him to the advantage as a practitioner of law.

I remain Dear Sir your Obedient Servant

David Holmes

Nath[l] Evans Postmaster

From the Governor to Edmund P. Gai

Town of Washington 25. Sept

Sir,

Your letter of the 11 instant was rec

by the last mail.

Judge Boulanger will be authorised to deliver

you a licence to practice law, if upon examination he

shall be found qualified to be admitted to the bar.

I am Sir your obt. Sv

Edmund P. Gaines esqr. David Holmes.

From the Governor to Col. Constant

Town of Washington 26. September 18

Sir,

From information received this last evening

am satisfied that the parties in West Florida have risen

to force, Baton Rouge has been taken by the troops acting un

the authority of the Convention, In this affair it is stated th

some of the Government party were wounded. How this business

may terminate we cannot easily conjecture. I am however

thoroughly impressed with the necessity of taking immediate

measures for the safety of the persons and property of the citi

in this Territory contiguous to the line of the United States

I have therefore to request that you will direct such corps

of regular troops to be stationed near the line of demarca

tion as will enable the body in the neighborhood of Pinkney

The object of this force will be to protect our ... any injurious consequences that may result from the trouble... state of affairs in the adjacent province. A particular detail of the duty which the Troops may be required to perform I shall communicate to you before the detachment leaves the cantonment.

I have the honor to be with very great respect Sir your Obt. Servt.

David B Holmes

Col Thomas Cushing
Commanding at Fort Dearborn

From the Governor to Col Davis

Town of Washington 27. Sept. 1810.

Sir,

Your letter of the 25th instant was duly received. The state of affairs in West Florida requires that precautionary measures should be taken to protect our citizens against injuries which possibly may result from the disturbances now existing in that province. In doing this however it is our duty to avoid taking any part in the present contest, the safety of the persons and property of our own citizens is the only object we ought to have in view.

You will immediately upon the receipt of this letter give orders to have patrol duty vigilantly performed within every Company of your Regiment. This service must be particularly and personally attended to, by the officers commanding Companies adjoining the line of demarcation. You will also detail from your regiment, two Captains, two Lieutenants

Lt Col

two Ensigns and one hundred and twenty privates, t
requisite number of non-commissioned officers for two
companies. This force you will order to hold themselves
readiness for actual service at a moments warning.

It has been suggested, that patrol duty could be p
with more exactitude if the Company which at present
includes (Fairhaven) was divided; and officers appo
in that neighbourhood. Major Sturges will communi
cate with you upon this subject.

The Troops ordered to be held in readiness for actu
Service you will not assemble without further or
from me.

I have the honour to

be with great respect

Your obt Sert.

David Holmes

Col Davis of the
2nd Regiment

From the Governor to Col. Cushing

Town of Washington 28th September 181

Sir.

Of the two companies of Troops which you w
about to furnish conformable to the request made by any
of the 26th instant, I presume it will not be necessary to
station more than one at the place designated near the
line of demarcation; the other can be left at Fort Hod
The sole purpose of this measure is to protect the propert
persons of our own Citizens against events that may hap

in consequence of the existing disturbances in West Florida.

At present I do not apprehend danger from any point of occurrence, except that of an insurrection of the Slaves: who are very numerous in the upper part of the Province, You will therefore instruct the officer who may be designated to command the detachment, that if circumstances should come to his knowledge indicative of a disposition on the part of the Slaves below the line to rebel against their masters, or to take any part in the existing contest, that he will immediately, have the lines Patrolled, at such distances both above and below the road, as he may think best calculated to intercept Slaves who may attempt to cross it from either side. The Troops employed in performing this duty will apprehend all such slaves, and examine whether they have written permission to be absent, if they have not, they have said slaves will take them before the Commander of the detachment, who is to deliver them over to the civil authority, to be dealt with according to law, all vexatious and unnecessary interruptions are to be carefully avoided - none of the Troops are to be permitted in any event to cross the lines of demarcation; nor are they to be authorised to stop any white person who may be passing from either side.

You will instruct the Commander of the detachment to give you regular informations of every occurrence of the least importance that may happen; For this purpose you will authorise him, whenever he deems it necessary to dispatch an express.

It is not impossible but that some of our citizens of evident good views may feel so great an interest in the event disturbances as to be induced to cross the line of demarcation (for purpose of taking) a part in the contest. At the present time no cause to believe that any of them are disposed in this to violate the laws Yet should the Commander of the detach discover any expeditions of this kind to be in contemplation will without loss of time communicate to you the circumstances upon which his apprehensions are grounded.

I have the honor to be with great respect Sir your Obt. Servt.

Col: Tho. Cushing Commanding at Fort Dearborn

David Holmes

From the Governor to Thomas Dawson esqr.

Town of Washington 29. Septr. 1810.

Sir, I received your letter of yesterday announcing your resignation of the Office of Justice of the quo Supposing that it might not be inconvenient for yo to act as a justice of the peace, as such I enclose to you a Commission which I request you will accept

I am sir with respe

Thomas Dawson esqr.

Your Obt Servant

David Holmes

From the Governor to Moses Hooke esq.

Town of Washington 29. September 1810.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Thomas Dawson having resigned his office of justice of the quorum. I have appointed you to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby, Your commission is herewith transmitted. John Weale esq.t is authorised to administer to you the oath of office

I am sir your obedient

Moses Hooke esq.r

Servant

David Holmes

From the Governor to Major Neilson

Town of Washington 29 Sept.r 1810.

Sir,

Conformable to your recommendation I transmit to you a Commission as Lieutenant for Mr. Lowrey.

From the existing state of affairs in West Florida I have concluded to have a body of the militia held in readiness for actual service, you will receive an order to this effect by one of my Aids de Camp, on the day appointed for the muster of your regiment

I am sir your obed.t

Major Neilson of the 3.d Regt

David Holmes

From the Governor to the Secretary of the G

Town of Washington the 8. J

Sir

The enclosed letter came to hand last

ing by the mail under cover of one from the Grahams

myself dated 30th July requesting me to forward it by

special messenger if no other opportunity should

by occur. By knowledge of the importance of the co

munication and the delays which has already happ

in its reaching this place, prompts me to accept the m

safe and speedy mode of conveyance. The bearer o

Winston is a young gentleman of respectability and

as we will have to pass through West Florida I hav

instructed him to procure the best information with

his power relative to the existing disturbances in th

Province and to communicate the same to you

his arrival in Orleans.

I have the honor

to be with the

highest respect

your obedient

Servant

David Holm

Thomas B. Robinson

Secretary of the Orleans

Territory

Head Quarters

Town of Washington 1. Oct. 1812.

General Orders.

From existing circumstances the Commander in Chief is impressed with the importance of taking immediate measures for the safety of the persons and property of the Citizens of this Territory and for the protection of the rights and interests of the United States. With this view he has determined to have held in readiness for active service a body of the militia competent to secure these important objects. It is therefore Ordered, that the details herein stated be made from the several regiments on the respective days assigned for them to muster by the General Order issued upon the 24th day of August last.

From the first Regiment there will be detailed two Complete Companies.

From the third Regiment four Complete Companies.

From the fourth Regiment one Captain, one Lieutenant, two Ensigns, five Sergeants, five Corporals, one Drummer, one fifer and eighty privates.

From the eleventh Regiment one Captain, one Lieutenant, three Sergeants, three Corporals, one Drummer, one fifer and forty privates; The Troops detailed from the fourth and eleventh Regiments will form two Complete Companies.

From the fifth Regiment there will be detailed one Captain, one Lieutenant, two Ensigns, five Sergeants, five Corporals, one Drummer, one fifer and eighty privates.

Seventh, eighth and ninth regiments will form a regiment, to be commanded by one Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, and two Majors. The field and staff officers will be designated hereafter by a General Order.

The force thus ordered to be detached are to hold themselves in readiness for immediate and active service; they will be raised either by offers of service or by draft. From the confidence the Commander in Chief has in the valor and patriotism of the militia and from the importance of the objects intended to be secured, he cannot bring himself to believe that in a single instance it will be necessary to resort to the latter mode.

The Commanding officers of the respective regiments are charged with the execution of this order, they will report immediately to the Commander in chief

The Adams and Jefferson Troops of Cavalry will hold themselves in readiness to march at the shortest notice

David Holmes

Commander in Chief
of the militia of the Mississippi
Territory

From the Governor to Lieutenant Surget

Town of Washington 2. Oct

Sir,

The following is an extract from the ge
neral Order issued yesterday.)

"The Adams and Jefferson Troops of Cavalry w
hold themselves in readiness to march at the shortest

You will report to me immediately, the stren
ved condition of your Troop.

I have the honour to be
with respect Sir your
Obedient Servant

Lieutenant
Francis Surget
of the Adams Troop &
& Capts Hinds of Jeffn Troops

David Holm
Comm. in Chief

From the Governor to Col Fitzpatrick

Town of Washington 2. Octr 1810.

Sir,

I enclose to you a copy of the Genera
Order issued yesterday. You will observe that
Troops to be detailed from the first, third, fourth, f
tenth and eleventh Regiments with the two compa
directed by a previous order to be detailed fr
the second Regiment are to be formed into
battalions. You will hold yourself prepa

take the Command of this force, when called upon.

I have the honor
to be, Sir, your obt
Servt.

David Holmes
Commander in Chief

Lt Col. Thomas Fitzpatrick
of the 44th Regiment

Head Quarters
Town of Washington 4 Oct. 1814

General Orders,

Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Thomas Fitz-
patrick of the 44th Regiment is appointed to the command
of the Troops ordered to be detailed by the general order
of the 1st instant from the first, second, third, fourth, fifth
tenth, and eleventh regiments.

The following field and staff officers are
annexed to this command viz.

From the first Regiment Major David Nelson.

From the 2nd Regiment Major Samuel Stockell,
Paymaster Hugh Davis junr Surgeon Doct Samuel
Brown & Surgeons mate Richard Davidson,

From the 3rd regiment Major Samuel Montgomery

From the 44th regiment Adjutant Felix Hughes and
Quarter master Buckner Darden.

Lieute nant Colonel Commandant James Cull[illegible]

6th Regiment is also appointed to the command of the troop
rected by the same order to be detailed from the 5th & 9
9th regiments and to which the following field and
officers are annexed viz.

From the 6th regiment - Adjutant Henry Beard

Surgeon Samuel Perry.

From the 9th Regiment - Major Stephen Neall.

From the 9th regiment - Major Josiah Shinn Qua
master Joseph Neely and Paymaster - Malcolm M[illegible] Cullo

David Holmes

Commander in Chief

of militia - Miss: Terr:

Head Quarters

Town of Washington 4 Oct 18[illegible]

Sir,

I have transmitted to Cols Cullen, [illegible]
and Carson the general orders issued the 1. inst 4 inst
The bearer Capt. Henry if he does not meet with the
Cols themselves, has my directions to communicate the lett
containing the orders to your care. You will be pl
to forward them as soon as possible. A copy signed
the brigade Major is enclosed

I am &c

Major Hamer Aid de camp
to Com. in Chief

David Holmes

From the Governor to Capt. Hook

Town of Washington 4. October 1814

Sir,

I this day received your letter of the 5th inst.

When you were last in this place I thought it

might probably be in my power to delay making the appoint-

ment of Brigade Major until the beginning of the next

year. Communications received two days afterwards

made it my duty to have prepared as soon as possible

a body of the militia throughout the Territory for

actual service; this circumstance occasioned a press

of business which made it impracticable for me to

dispense with the immediate and constant employ-

ment of this officer. Mr Manschalk was accordingly

appointed. He will necessarily be engaged in copying

and transmitting orders in this office or attending the

Regimental musters in the upper part of the Territory

for nearly the whole of this month. In the conversa-

tion I had with you upon this subject, I understood

that it would not be in your power to take upon your-

self the duties of the office this fall if they required

your absence from home, unless there should be active

service in the field.

If the Troops should be put in motion I will

endeavour to avail myself in some way that may

be agreeable to yourself of your talents and service

I forwarded to you on Sunday last a Commis

as justice of the quorum

I am Sir respect

Your obt Ser

David Holm

Charles Hooke esquire

From the Governor to Edward Randolph

Town of Washington 17th Octr 1810

Sir,

On my return to this place last evening the

express delivered to me your letter of the 14th instant w

the communication from Mr Rhea.

I have for some time past been very desirous

a troop of cavalry should be raised in the County of

known, and with a view to accomplish it appointed

the first instance Captain Semple to the command, a

well from the consideration of his qualifications

from a belief that he would be able to enlist a

of this description as speedily as any other gentlem

in the County. When Captain Semple declined acc

ing the appointment, Mr Butler was selected wi

any reference to the officers who formerly belong

to the Troop. Most of them have either to be

pointed); nor did I know that any of them had a disposition to engage again in the service.

It is my intention after the troop is raised to suffer the individuals composing it to nominate the subaltern officers, and if there should be no material objections I shall certainly respect their recommendations. From your former standing in the corps and the obliging disposition you have shewn towards the Government I can not have any objection or any hesitation to your filling one of the appointments should you be the choice of the Troops.

I am Sir yours

Edward Randolph esqr. &c. David Holmes

From the Governor to Jesse Rhea esqr.

Town of Washington 17. Octr. 1810.

Sir,

I had the honour to receive your letter of the 10th Instant, last evening, with the enclosure mentioned which shall be transmitted immediately.

I do not think there exists much cause to apprehend that the Indians will be prevailed upon to take any part in the contest in West Florida, should however a disposition for this purpose be evidenced in any degree

I shall consider it as my duty, to use all the me
my power to repress it. The cause of humanity, an
sovereign rights of the United States would be infring
such an interference. If you are in possession of
or circumstances at present, or should any here
come to your knowledge having a tendency to sho
that persons are employed or that intrigues are insti
for the purpose of seducing) in this respect from their
interests and duty, any of the Indian nations within
the limits of the United States you will be pleased
to communicate them to me in order that measu
may be taken to counteract such nefarious designs

I am Sir your obt
Servant

John Rhea esq.r &c.)
West Florida &

David Holm

David Holmes. Governor of the
Mississippi Territory.

To all whom it may concern

Whereas John Neely hath been convicted
the crime of horse stealing) by the Superior court
Adams County, now sitting and hath been sen
to receive thirty nine lashes, to be branded in the

hand, to be imprisoned three months and [illegible]
of five hundred dollars; And Whereas it hath been
presented to me by the petition of a number of respect-
able citizens, that for various causes therein assigned
they believe the said John Neely to be a fit object
of executive clemency; and Whereas it hath also been
made known to me by the oath of the jailor of Adams Coun-
ty, that the said John Neely while in Confinement
did aid in preventing the escape of certain prisoners con-
fined with him by giving the alarm when the said prison-
ers were in the act of breaking out: Now know ye that
for these and other considerations I do hereby remit the
punishment of branding in the left hand, the said judge-
ment in all other respects to be fully carried into execution
according to Law.

Given under my hand and
the seal of the Territory this
20. day of Oct. 1810.

Seal

David Holmes

From the Governor to Col. Hicks

Town of Washington 27 Oct 1810.

Sir,

I had the honour to receive your letter by Mr
Scarlett. Conformable to your recommendation I
transmit to you a Commission as Adjutant for the

56 From Thomas Dewitt, one as Surgeon for 6th

one as Lieutenant for 6th Eastow.

Your Regiment has conducted itself in

honour, and I assure you Sir I am highly grat

by the patriotic spirit they displayed in comp

with the order of the 8th instant.

I have the ho

to be Sir your

Obedient Serv

Lt Col Bey.n Hicks of

the 10th Reg.t

David Holm

From the Governor to Col Woodr

Town of Washington

27. Octr 1810.

Sir,

I had the honour to receive you

letter of the 18th instant by 6th Scarlett,

Conformable to your recommendations I ha

mit to you a Commission as Surgeon for th

William Lewis.

I have the hon

to be your ob

Servant

Col. Woodbridge of the

5th Regiment

David Ho

From the Governor to the Secretary of State

Town of Washington 1. Nov. 1816.

Sir,

I have this day drawn a bill of exchange upon you for ninety six dollars in favour of Thomas Fitzpatrick being the sum paid by me to Samuel L. Winstow conformable to the statement contained in the account herewith forwarded.

I have the honour to be Your obt Servant

Hon.ble Robert Smith
Secretary of State

David Holmes.

From the Governor to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Town of Washington 10. Nov. 1816.

Sir,

I have this day drawn a bill upon you in favour of Andrew Hunter Holmes for one hundred and sixty three dollars and forty one cents, being the amount of the balance of the appropriation for the contingent expences of this government for the present year. This sum shall be regularly accounted for on the first day of January next.

I have the honour to be your ob Sert

Hon.ble Albert Gallatin
Secretary of the Treasury

David Holmes

From The Governor to the Legislative C

and House of Representatives.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

We meet, Fellow Citizens, at a time

there exists much cause for congratulation, n

only from the abundance with which agricultural

dustry has been remunerated, and the general hea

that pervades the country, but from the prospect th

the products of our territory, which heretofore, hav

fered a depression in value, in consequence of the

traordinary course the belligerents of Europe h

pursued towards neutral trade, are about to reas

their true estimation; by which the cultivator o

soil may again calculate upon receiving the f

benefit of his labor and industry. Although no off

information has been received, stating that a d

has actually taken place in either of the rev

ive systems of policy, adopted by the two gre

belligerent nations of Europe, in relation to

commerce; yet from communications that

been made public, bearing some marks

thenticity, and from the increased dem

for our products we have grounds to hope that the French government have abrogated the duties heretofore tendered to exclude American commerce from her ports; and that she is disposed to consult her interest, by admitting commercial intercourse with the United States, on such terms of equality as can be accepted consistently with the rights and honor of the nation. Should our expectation in this respect be realized, we may with reason count upon a correspondent disposition on the part of Great Britain — she acknowledges principles of justice — her own best interests, and her unequivocal declarations, form the basis of this reliance. Such a change in the conduct of both these powers would restore to us that commercial intercourse, which is so peculiarly essential to the growth and prosperity of this Territory — for it may with truth be affirmed, that no portion of the citizens of the United States are more deeply interested than we are in the maintenance of friendly commercial interchanges with foreign nations — Such is the nature and abundance of our products — ones that we cannot reasonably expect that the population of our own country will for a long time to come be competent to their consumption. That the

justice and moderation therefore of the general
towards other powers, should ultimately prevail in
respect for the maritime rights of the nation, is to
importance, and the prospect of success, a subject of
congratulation.

In addition to the ordinary objects of legislation
which your deliberations will be directed in the
of the present Session, that of apportioning the repres
to the several counties of the territory, will require
attention. By the second section of the act of Congr
passed the 9th of January, 1808 for extending the ri
of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other
purposes this duty devolves upon the Territorial Legi
lature. The result of the census directed to be taken
an act passed at your last session, a act which must
necessarily be known before the Legislature can be
prepared to act upon the subject, has not been fully ascer
tained. I expect however to have it in my power
within a few days, to lay before you the general
I am discharging gentlemen. This important trust
entertains the utmost confidence, that you will
governed by no other view than that of doing equal
right to every portion of our community. Y

will also recollect that the County of Madison, containing a numerous and respectable population, has no voice in your Councils; a circumstance, which though to be regretted, yet I am persuaded cannot militate against their interest upon this occasion. It ought, and I trust will be an inducement with you to take special care in making the apportionment, to give to the citizens of that County their due weight in the most numerous branch of the Territorial Legislature.

Immediately upon the adjournment of the last session of the Legislature, the organization of the militia under the law passed for that purpose was commenced, and no means within the limits of executive authority, were omitted, to have the arrangements completed, in as short a period as the nature of the business would permit. A return of the strength and condition of the several regiments, shall be laid before you, as soon as it can be prepared by the brigade majors. Circumstances having made it my duty to have a respectable force in readiness for immediate and active service, the requisite orders were issued for that purpose, on the first of the last month, and it is with singular satisfaction I can inform you that a spirit of patriotism was evidenced

on the occasion, which became frequent, the defenc
own rights, and the protectors of their own liberti

The short experience however that we have
of the new system, has already exposed some defects, w
require legislative amendment. No provision is mad
the organizing volunteer corps, other than those of the
ry — That considerable advantage could be derived
authorizing) companies of this description (under cer
restrictions, in some of the regiments, I entertain no d

The authority, however to be useful ought to be discr
ary in the Commander in Chief. The corps might co
of rifle men or light infantry, and the law should cl
upon them all the duties common to the great body
militia. It ought also to define the time for which they sh
be considered as belonging to the company while they
tinued to reside within the bounds of the battalion.

Other details will no doubt suggest themselves to
as proper to be admitted into any law that may
enacted establishing these corps. Which upon the
ject of the militia, let me recommend to you
sideration & attention, the propriety of authorising
of field officers for the cavalry. Although it m
not be convenient or requisite at any time for
mere purpose of training, to order the several

to rendezvous at a certain point, yet ... upon to furnish a force for actual service, that ... be entitled from numbers to be commanded by a field officer. In this event the power to make the appointment ought to exist.

In the Judiciary System of the Territory I am informed defects have been discovered, which in some instances may have a tendency to defeat the objects of general justice; a specification of them will be laid before you so soon as the proper officer can prepare a report upon the subject.

The uniformity of decisions in the Courts of justice upon all points involving the interests either of individuals or the public being highly important to the faithful administration of the laws, and of the utmost consequence to the citizens of a free state; I submit to your consideration whether this desirable object could not with more certainty be attained by establishing a Court whose jurisdiction and powers should extend to such cases only of difficulty as the presiding judge at any Superior Court of a County might deem proper to submit to their investigations and decisions.

On the first day of the present month the receipts into the treasury amounted to twenty four thousand seven hundred and twenty three dollars and seventy cents

and the disbursements during the last year to m
said) five hundred and ninety-two dollars and f
cents; leaving a balance of five thousand one hundr
thirty-one dollars and fifty-five cents; a sum which
expected would have been more than sufficient to
discharged the whole of the Territorial debt; but in
we have been disappointed).

The Auditor of Public Accounts and the Treasu
of the Territory, inform me that a balance, the amount
which has not been ascertained, still remains unpa
the official reports of these officers I refer you for further
formation relative to the fiscal concerns.

I cannot omit, gentlemen, to notice two subjects to
which I solicited your attention in a former communica
The one respecting the laws for keeping in repair roads a
highways; the other relating to the more important obj
of promoting seminaries of learning for the benefit of
youth: The first concerns our comfort and convenie
the latter the preservation of those inestimable principles
freedom, which our political institutions are intended
secure and to perpetuate.

These, fellow citizens, are the affairs respecting
our government which at this time I have thoug
it important to submit to your consideration
others no doubt in the course of your deliberation

be discovered to which the public interest may require your attention. In the adoption of all measures calculated to promote the prosperity, and happiness of the people and to advance the character of the Territory, I tender you my most cheerful concurrence.

David Holmes

Town of Washington Nov. 9. 1810.

From the Governor to Gabriel Moore a person of Madison County for the year 1810.

Town of Washington 14 Nov. 1810.

Sir,

It is intended by the general assembly to enter upon the business of apportioning the Representatives to the several counties in the Territory, before they adjourn; provided the returns are made according to law by the respective officers appointed to take the census. I have received from every County except that of Madison a complete return; but until it is made the business cannot progress; I must therefore urge you to transmit to me by the earliest opportunity a copy of the census which you were appointed to take for that County.

I am Sir your obt.

Gabriel Moore) esqr.

David Holmes

From the Governor to the Secretary of

Town of Washington 4th Nov.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit by

mail a printed copy of the acts passed at the two last

ons of the Territorial Legislature

I am Sir your ob

Servant

Hon.ble Robert Smith
Secretary of State } David Holmes

From the Governor to the Comptroller of the

Treasury of the United States.

Town of Washington 4th Nov. 180

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receip

of your letter of the 4th of August, covering an account

against Alexander Baillie late Collector for the distri

of Natchez. From the inclosed statement you will s

that a suit was commenced against a Mr. Baillie

early in the year 1807. and that it is now at issue

in the Superior Court of Adams County. Mr. Seth

Lewis was the attorney employed by the United Sta

The late William Dunbar esqr and Mr. Edward

Turner were Mr. Baillies securities; as such a

was brought against Mr Lewis on Jefferson county
which yet remains undecided, and probably will until
a judgement is obtained against Baillie. Mr Dunbar
I am informed states that he would be bound by the
decision that might be made in the case against Lew-
is, and would pay his proportion whenever the judg-
ment should be obtained; for this reason he was not
named in the suit. In all probability a decision
will be had in the case against Baillie at the next
spring term; he however has no property, the only
therefore of recovering the debt is from the securities.

I have spoken to the attorney general of the Ter-
ritory to attend to the business on the part of the United
States, and to take the most effectual measures to reco-
ver the debt as soon as the forms of the law will permit

I am sir your obedient
servant
David Holmes

Gabriel Duvall esqr

David Holmes Governor of the
Mississippi Territory
To all persons who shall see these presents.

Whereas it has been represented to me by the Hon.
Harry Toulmin one of the Superior Judges of this Territo

for the district of Hunterston that Charles Hunt
convicted of the crime of stealing a Wagon at Thistle
held in the county of Washington for the trial of cau
causes; and Whereas the said Harry Faulkner Thom
fusion at the trial, and the jury who brought in their
have recommended the said Charles Hunt to
sentence of death; to the clemency of the executive Now
Therefore Be it known that I Thaddeus Stevens, Governor
consideration aforesaid, and the circumstances attending
case to be entitled to the powers invested in me by Section
of this Territory, Do hereby grant a respite to the said Charles Hunt
next to until all proceedings relative to the sentence of
Court in this behalf may be subject to receive the consideration of the
aforesaid Legislature

Given under my hand and seal at the City of Washington
the Twenty at the Hour of Meridian
(Seal) this 20th day of November 1810

David Holmes

(Seal)

David Holmes Governor of the
Mississippi Territory

To all persons unto whom these presents
Whereas Solomon Wells was convicted of
Larceny at a Court held in Adams last in the

of Washington for the trial of criminal causes, and the
as the Honourable Harry Toulmin the presiding Judge
and the Jury who brought in the verdict of guilty against
the said Solomon Wells have represented to me that he
is a proper object of executive clemency Now know ye that
that I, having duly considered the recommendations
aforesaid and the circumstances attending the case, do,
by virtue of the powers in me vested as Governor of the said
Territory pardon the said Solomon Wells and remit all
punishment to which he is subjected by the sentence of the
Court in consequence of the Conviction aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the seal of
the Territory at the Town of Washington
(Seal) this 20th day of November 1810

David Holmes

David Holmes Governor
of the Mississippi Territory.

To all persons who shall see these Presents

Whereas Solomon Harvey, alias Brooklow, alias Shaw
alias Stoutmaker, was convicted of murder at a Court
held in the County of Washington in October last for
the trial of criminal causes, and sentenced to suffer
death Now know ye, that for divers good causes and

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considerations are hereunto moving) I do by virtue
powers in me vested as Governor of the said Territ
respite and reprieve the execution of the said sen
pronounced upon the said Solomon Hanney (c. hás
ton, alias Shark), alias Stoumaken, until the first
in February in the year of our Lord one thousand
hundred and eleven.

Given under my hand and
of the Territory at the Town of W
this 20th day of November 18

(Seal)

David Holmes

From the Governor to Junior Secretary

Town of Washington 26 Nov. 18

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 20th ultimo was hand
to me by Col Bassom.

Conformable to your opinion and recommend
as well as that of the juries who tried Solomon Linell
Charles Connels, I forward to you pardons for both
these unfortunate men. In the case of Hanney
circumstances are in addition to those contained in
letter have been stated to me by Col Bassom, wh
are worthy of consideration and have induced

to suspend the execution of the sentence until further enquiry shall determine how far they ought to have any weight with the executive in making up a decision upon the application of the jury. It is stated that when the jury retired to their Chambers and found that they could not agree upon a verdict, it was proposed to submit the question to a majority;—that this proposition was made by jurors in favor of the prisoner, from a belief that a majority would be for a verdict of not guilty, upon a division however seven jurors voted for a verdict of guilty; the five who were thus disappointed in their expectations, then proposed that the prisoner should be recommended to mercy; which was agreed to, and the verdict brought into Court; other circumstances of minor consideration are also stated. Whether any of them should have an operation upon the mind of the executive is a question upon which I wish to deliberate; and I must request you to aid me by furnishing me with such facts as either came within your own knowledge, or as you may be able to collect respecting the conduct of the jury upon the trial and likewise your opinion upon any question of law that can fairly be considered as connected with the subject.

I am Sir your ob.t Serv.t

Hon. Harry Toulmin

Davis Hobbes.

P.S. Since writing the above I have received your

of the 10th instant the information it contains me

useful and is satisfactory)

The Pardons have been forwarded to the Dft
Sheriff of ____

From the Governor to the Legislative Coun

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council

I have (received) from Joseph Roberts esquire a letter
resigning his office as a member of the Legislative Co
a copy whereof is herewith transmitted for your info
mation.

(D) David Hol

21. November 18

From the Governor to the House of Repres
atives

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

I have received from Joseph Roberts a letter resigning his office as a member of the Legislative Council a copy whereof I herewith transmit to you. The ordinance for the Government of the Territory points out the duty of the House of Representatives upon this occasion.

David Holm

21 Nov. 1810

From the Governor to Henry Green

Sir / Be pleased to deliver to the order of Col. L.R. Covington all the ammunition belonging to the United States now in your possession.

I am Sir Your Obt
Servant
David Holmes

26 November 1810.

David Holmes Governor of the
Mississippi Territory
To all who shall see these presents

Be it known, that Joseph H. Green esqr is hereby authorized and empowered to administer all oaths of office required by law to the several officers whom I have or may appoint in the County of Jefferson and Territory aforesaid

Given under my hand at
the Town of Washington
the 28th November
one thousand eight hun-
dred and ten.

David Holmes

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From the Governor

to

the Leg. Council & House of Representatives

Gentlemen of the Legislature Council & House

of Representatives.

The returns of the Census directed to be taken by

an act passed at the last Session of the Legislature being no

complete I have it in my Power to lay before you a gen

abstract thereof.—

(P) David Poston

Town of Washington 15 Decr 1810.

From the Governor

to

the Col's of the several Regiments

Town of Washington 3D

1810

Sir It is quite uncertain at what moment the Troop

detached from your Regiment by the General order of the

8. of October last may be ordered to rendezvous at a certain

point; I wish you therefore to communicate this information

to the officer selected to command the detachment from your

Regiment and order him to muster them on the 5th inst

at such convenient place within the bounds of your Regt

as you may think proper to designate and also to notify

to inform them that they are to be in readiness to march

at the shortest notice.

I am &c

David Poston

Col. Wood of 3rd Regt

A similar Letter to each Colonel in the Territory

From the Governor to the House of Representatives

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

I return for the revision of the Legislature, the act entitled an Act Supplementary to an Act respecting Slaves which originated in your house and has been referred to me for my assent. Upon examining this act I find it contains a principle respecting the removal of public officers which I am inclined to think is not recognized by the ordinance, The provisions of the bill in other respects may be useful, therefore I have adopted this course of returning it for reconsideration

David Holmes

Town of Washington Decr 3. 1810.

From the Governor
to
Gov. Claiborne. & Town of Washington 4 Decr 1810

Sir, The Legislature have finished their business and will adjourn in a few minutes. I shall be ready to leave this place in two hours, provided I receive the communications which according to our arraingement you were to make to me from Natchez

A speedy and safe opportunity now offers to forward any communications you may have for Tombigbee or Mobile

I am &c.

David Holmes

Governor Claiborne
(Natchez)

No 6.

From the Governor
to
the Commanding Officer at Fort Stanwix

Town of Washington
4 Dec. 1781

Sir

I have received the Letter to Lieut. Colonel Hamilton and Sir John Johnson containing important Communications from Gen. Clinton. Should you deem it proper to make use of the Militia from the Counties on the Frontiers you will issue your Orders to Col. Gansevoort of the 6th Regiment who has received my Orders implicitly to obey your Commands. You will endeavour to have the Militia at a short notice. It is probable that a part of the new raised Levies will be sent to Fort Stanwix

P.S. Should any accidental Vacancy happen to Col. Gansevoort before the Troops are ordered into Service, you will appoint in his room Col. Cantine.

From the Governor
to
Col. Gansevoort

Town of Washington 4th Dec. 1781

Sir,

Upon your arrival at Fort Stanwix Lieut. Colonel Cantine and after the Packet for the Commanding Officer at Fort Stanwix has been delivered, Upon which please to leave the Fort, the Garrison will consist of Colonel Gansevoort's Regiment, as you think proper to designate. The Garrison will afterwards consist of Colonel Cantine's Regiment, and the new Levies. Fort will be

necessary for the Troops to assemble. You will require the commanding officers of the respective companies to furnish you with compleat returns including the strength of the companies with a list of the names of the officers and privates and also a correct return of the arms &c. Copies of these returns you will deliver to the Commanding officer at Fort Stoddert informing him at the same time that the whole or any part of the force is subject to his orders. You will also inform him that if in his opinion two additional companies should be requisite they can be furnished and that you are ready to receive and execute his orders. Should sickness or any other accident happen to you so as to prevent your attending to your duty deliver this letter to Col. Carson of the 8th Regiment Who has orders to take the command if such an event should occur before the Troops are ordered into the service of the United States. if afterwards it will devolve upon the eldest Major of the militia who may be with you.

Lieut. Col.

Col. Bailey of the 6th Regiment

David Holmes

From the Governor

to

Col. Carson

Town of Washington 11th Dec. 1810

Sir,

In the event of any accident happening to Col. Bailey so as to prevent his executing an order issued this day

a copy of which you will be furnished with / You will
to execute it in the manner therein stated /

Col. Carson of the
8th Regiment

Jno. Q.
J. Prentiss Holbrook

From the Governor
to
Governor Claiborne } Department of War 21. Dec.

Dear Sir

I received last evening your letter
found dispatches from the department of State for both
you and myself. I hereunto transmit to you those letter
that came enclosed to me. It gives me great pleasure to
find that every thing had been conducted on so favorable
to the President's Wishes; your dispatches will inform you
of this circumstance and will be to you a source of great
satisfaction

Jno. Q.
Gov. Claiborne
New Orleans

J. Prentiss Holbrook

From the Governor
to
Paul Morphy } Town of Assumption 21. Dec.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your
of the 20th instant, together with one introductory letter
from General Turreau the minister of France near the
United States, stating that you intend to reside at
Natchez

Natchez and to resume your duties as Commissary of Commercial relations. The Exequatur issued by the President and which you have laid before me is dated on the first day of January 1806. And the letter to yourself from the acting Governor of this Territory acknowledging you as Commissary of Commercial relations dated 24. April 1806. Since that period the United States have been recognized as Commissary of Commercial relations, to reside at Natchez. The Exequatur of the President making this recognition is dated 1st April 1807. From these circumstances you will readily perceive that it would not be proper for me to make any further declarations upon this subject, without receiving instructions relative thereto from the President of the United States. In the mean time you will be entitled to the protection of our laws and the civilities due to a stranger of respectable

(Paul & Marlet esqr. &c
(Natchez)

I am &c
David Holmes

(From the Governor
to
Judge Fontaine & Town of Washington 26. Decr 1810.)

Sir,

This will be handed you by my friend Judge Pitts to whose acquaintance permit me to introduce you This Gentleman will be able to give you all the information we have in this quarter of the Territory relative to the

[illegible] Florida.

The undersigned [illegible] to have [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

From the Governor &c

to

the Secretary of State } Town of Washington Jany 1. 1811

Sir,

I have the honor of forwarding by this mail under
three distinct covers the following documents.

1. A transcript from the executive Journal from the
1 July 1810. to the 31st December

2. An abstract of all appointments made by me from the
1 January 1810 to the 1. January 1811.

3 d. transcript of such letters relative to the affairs of West
Florida as it was thought proper to record seperately

I have the honor &c

David Holmes

Hon'ble. Robert Smith }
Secretary of State }

By David Holmes Governor of
the Mississippi Territory.

Whereas it appears that a fine of four hundred
dollars was assessed against William Webber at the last term
of the Superior Court for Washington district for an assault
and battery committed upon the body of Thomas Darby. Now
know ye that for causes to me shewed, I do hereby remit the
whole three hundred dollars of the said fine of four hun-
dred dollars.

Given under my hand and the seal of
the Territory at the Town of Washington this
1 day of January 1811.

(Seal)

David Holmes

David Holmes Governor of the Mississippi Territory

To all who shall see these presents Greeting

Whereas Solomon Harvey alias Brookton, alias Sharp, alias Stomacher was convicted of murder at a court held in the county of Washington in October last for the trial of criminal causes, and therupon sentenced to suffer death; And Whereas the Jury who brought in the verdict of guilty, against the said Prisoner recommended him to the mercy of the executive; And Whereas in consequence of their said recommendation, and of certain representations made to me, I did in order that due time for consideration of the case might be had, respite and suspend the execution of the said sentence until the first monday in February 1811. Now know ye that I, having fully considered all the matters touching the conviction of the said Solomon Harvey, alias Brookton, alias Sharp, alias Stomacher, do by virtue of the powers in me vested as Governor of the said Territory, pardon the said Solomon Harvey alias Brookton alias Sharp alias Stomacher and remit the punishments which by the sentence of the court have been adjudged him to suffer.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Territory at the Town of Washington this 4 day of Jany. 1811.

(Seal)

David Holmes

From the Governor
to
Col Davis

Town of Washington 5. Jany 1811

Sir

Your letter by Mr Owings I have received Mr Norworthy Hunter was commissioned as Capt. when I was last at Pittsmeyville, the other officers of the Company have not been appointed, you will therefore have the necessary recommendations forwarded as soon as possible

I have authorized 2 Troops Cavalry to be commanded by Peter Smith in addition to the Troop commanded by Captain Butler. The Troop is not to consist of more than forty privates. It was my wish to have consulted you upon this measure but as I returned from Florida you were not at home.

I am Sir your Obt. Servt

Col. Hugh Davis
of the 2nd Regiment

David Holmes

From the Governor
to
Judge Jourdan

Town of Washington 7. January 1811.

Dear Sir

I have forwarded to Mr Smoot the Sheriff of Washington a Pardon for Harvey, this measure was finally adopted after much consideration and a conversation with the Judges and other Law characters in this part of the country.

I have also remitted a part of the fines assessed against William Webber. This was done upon the representations of

84 Mr Attorney Gen. Clerk of the Court of Mr Smoot the
Mr Ellis, Mr Patton) for Plaintiff the Attorney, who
the statement of facts contained in the petition was
I received from Col Marks by the last mail a letter
the 16th December) whereby he acknowledges the receipt
(Resolves for such a matter). I am anxious to hear how the
suit has been viewed in the Court and district of Alexandria
therefore thanks you to let me hear from you the first opport

I am with great
Respect Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
David Hoban

The Secretary of the Treasury, to whom was referred a memorial
from sundry citizens of Alexandria, praying that a drawback
of the duties paid on the importation of salt may be allowed
on such salt as may be employed in curing fish, and exported
in barrels, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave
to report:

That the Collector of Washington be directed to pay to Solomon Harvey, and others, citizens of Alexandria, the amount of the duties paid on the salt by them employed in curing fish, and exported in barrels, upon their producing to the Collector of Alexandria the certificate of the Inspector of the port, that the fish were packed in barrels containing the quantity of salt required by the Act, and upon their making oath that the fish were exported, and that the drawback claimed has not been received.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Alex. Hamilton
Secretary of the Treasury

Treasury Department
December 16th 1790

Sir

I have received and laid before the Board of Commissioners for the Settlement of Accounts your letter of the 14th instant, requesting information of the Board whether the Memorial of Solomon Harvey, and others, citizens of Alexandria, praying that a drawback of the duties paid on salt employed in curing fish, and exported in barrels, may be allowed, has been received at the Board, and what has been done thereon. In answer to which I am directed to inform you, that the Memorial has been received, and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, to whom the Board have also referred the petition of Thomas Porter and others, citizens of Alexandria, praying that a drawback of the duties paid on salt employed in curing fish, and exported in barrels, may be allowed. The Secretary of the Treasury has not yet reported thereon, but will probably do so in a few days. It will be in your power to inform the petitioners that their memorial has been received, and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, and that a report thereon may be expected in a few days.

I am Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Sam. Otis Secy

Benja. S. Smoot esqr

David Hoban

From the Governor
to
the Secretary of War.

Town of Washington 7th Jany 1811.

"Sir. I have this day drawn a bill of exchange upon you in favour of David Bury interpreter to the Chactaw Indians, for one hundred and fifty dollars being the amount of his salary for the half year ending the first day of the present month.

Hon.ble William Eustis
Secretary of War.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Sir, your obedient.
David Holmes

David Holmes Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

To all who shall see these presents David greeting Know ye that Samuel Brooks esq.r is hereby authorized and empowered to administer all oaths of office required by law to the several officers whom I have or may appoint for the County of Adams and Territory aforesaid.

Given under my hand at the Town of Washington the 12th January 1811.

David Holmes

Sir. Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 17th Jan.y 1811.

Since this moment received information that an insurrection of the negroes has taken place in the Orleans Territory, and that there exists cause to apprehend that this alarming ~~event~~ occurence may lead to a similar event in this Territory and the necessary precautions to check any attempt of the kind are immediately taken: You will therefore order the several Captains of your regiment to order out a patrol. detachment to consists of not less than eight men to patrol every night in their respective companies during this until further orders.

I am Sir &c.
David Holmes,
Commander in chief of the M. M. T.

Col.o John Wood
of the 3rd Regt.

From the Governor
to Capt.n Bullock

Town of Washington, 17 Janry 1811.

Sir,

upon the receipt of this letter you will please order for your company to muster on tomorrow morning at ten O'Clock, and with march them immediately to this place where you will await further orders.

I am Sir &c.
David Holmes.

Capt.n Bullock
of Light infantry.

Head Quarters Town of Washington, [illegible]

General orders.

The two companies of Militia within the [illegible] Washington and its vicinity are ordered to assemble themselves immediately to be on the alert this night. In the event of an alarm Captain Newman's company will rendezvous at the Government House and Captain Engle's company at the House of Charles Desprez. Captain Newman is charged with the execution of this order.

David Holmes
Commander in chief Militia Mississippi Territory

From Governor Holmes
To
Lieutenant White commanding
at the Cantonment Washington

Town of Washington, 17th January 1811.

Sir,

I have received information that an insurrection of the Slaves has taken place in the adjacent Territory of Orleans, and that a similar occurrence is apprehended in this Territory. Under these circumstances I have to request that you will furnish from the public Stores thirty stand of arms with three rounds of ammunition for each stand, for the use of the militia of the Town of Washington. They will be returned as soon as the emergency of the occasion will permit. You will deliver the arms to Captain Newman.

I am &c.
David Holmes.

Lieutenant White,
Commanding at the
Cantonment Washington.

From the Governor
to
Lieutenant White Commanding at the Cantonment Washington

Town of Washington 18th January 1811.

Sir.

In consequence of my request of yesterday Captain Newman informs me that you delivered to him twelve stand of arms, having only twelve cartridges each might. This ammunition will be sufficient for the present, you will not therefore deliver any more upon that requisition. The light company of Captain Bekham received orders to be in readiness for active service at the shortest notice Mr. [illegible]

concluded

concluded that on our meeting we could discover the position of the Enemy, that they would be disarmed, and that they regard that you could detach a Captain's Detachment Band of men. They will be returned whenever the present cause of alarm is removed.

I am yr. ob.t
Lieut. Colo. Commanding
the Cantonment, Washington.

David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Capt. Thomas Butler

Town of Washington, 18th January 1811.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter of the 13th Inst. on yesterday informing me of the unfortunate and alarming occurrence that has taken place in the adjacent Territory, and requiring your apprehensions that we may experience something of a similar nature. This instance of your attention to your duty as an officer and a citizen merits my highest approbation. Our Co.mon.r Capt. Andrew Mc.Nees shall be dispatched this day with letters for Fincastle. He will have orders for the Commandg. officer of the regiments and Wilkinson County directing them to detach from each of the companies to consist of eight men, being double the number usually ordered upon this service. He will also be instructed to enquire into the situation of Fort Adams with respect to arms and ammunition. In the meantime, you will devide your troops into patrol detachments, each to consist of four dragoons, and order them to do duty in such neighborhoods of the County in which you may suspect the greatest danger exists. The troops ordered upon this service will rigidly execute and strictly attend to the injunctions of the patrol Laws.

You shall hear from me on to morrow.

Capt. Thomas Butler,
Fincastle

I am, dear Sir, with great respect and esteem,
Yr. ob.t
David Holmes.

From the Governor
To
Lieutenant Dwight
commanding the Adams
troop of Cavalry.

Town of Washington, 18th January 1811.

Sir.

I received information yesterday that an insurrection
the slaves had taken place in the adjacent territory of Orleans, and that
exists some cause to apprehend that an attempt of a similar nature may be m
in this territory. Under these circumstances I have deemed it necessary th
precautionary measures should be taken. You will therefore upon the rec
this divide your troops into patrol detachments to consist of four dragoon
each. You will order them to patrol the Country from Natchez to the Hom
You will regulate the times of duty for each detachment, and the limits
the districts, in the way which you may think best calculated to ensur
vigilant execution of the patrol laws. You will order them to communi
to you any information they may receive, or any circumstance that may
come to their knowledge in relation to any intention on the part of the
negroes to insurrect, and you will without delay inform me of the same.

Lieutenant Dwight, commanding
the Adams troop of cavalry.

Town of Washington
David Holmes.

From the Governor
To
Capt Thomas Butler

Town of Washington, 19th Janry 1811.

Dear Sir

I wrote to you yesterday in answer to yours of the
Inst: but as the mail did not arrive last night it is probable my letter m
not reach you before Majr Marschalk gets to Pinckneyville, I therefore inclos
you a duplicate. Nothing would give me more satisfaction than to hav
it in my power to furnish the Troops of Cavalry with arms, but I am n
authorized to make a requisition for arms belonging to the united State
unless in cases of immediate urgency, and then they are to be considered
loaned merely for the occasion, and to be returned whenever the cause
necessity ceases to exist. At present I am not informed whether any arms
for Cavalry were left at Fort Adams. I have however concluded to inclos
you a letter to the commanding officer directing him to deliver to you
horsemans swords and six ten pistols. This letter you are not to deliver un
you

you have grounds to believe that the danger of insurrection with [illegible]
arms must be returned whenever in your opinion the patrol [illegible]
may in safety be dispensed with.

Capt. Thomas Butler
Fredericksville.

I am yr. obt.
David Holmes

P.S. I shall write immediately to Genl. Hampton upon the subject of procuring arms for the Cavalry from the Cantonment near this place where I understand there are a number of Invincible's Rifles. If they should be obtained you shall be furnished with your proportion.

D. H.

From the Governor to the commanding officer at Fort Adams
to
Town of Washington, 19th July 1811.

Sir,

Having received intelligence of an insurrection of the slaves in the adjacent Territory, and believing that there exists some ground to apprehend ~~[illegible]~~ a similar attempt may possibly be made by the negroes in the lower part of this Territory, I have deemed measures of precaution be taken; I have to request that you will furnish Captain Butler from the arsenal at Fort Adams with sixteen horseman's swords and sixteen pistols for the use of his troops who are ordered to do patrol duty. The arms will be returned as soon as the occasion ceases upon which this requisition is made

The Commanding officer
at Fort Adams.

I am yr. obt.
David Holmes.

From the Governor .....
to
Lieutenant White, commanding
at the Cantonment, Washington.

Town of Washington, 19th Janry 1811.

Sir.

Your letter of yesterday was this moment handed to me by Lieutenant Wade.

Your observations respecting the requisition for ammunition are perfectly correct and satisfactory. In the event of active service being required I shall rely with the utmost confidence upon your best exertions.

I have the honor to be with great respect, Sir, Yr. obt.
Lieutenant White
Commanding at the

General Orders.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington
21st of January 1811

It appearing that the Patrol duty which was ordered by an order of the 18th Inst: the Ridgers Troop of Cavalry were ordered to do may be safely dispensed with, they are for the present discharged from that service. The Commander in chief is highly gratified at the zeal and alacrity displayed by the troops on this occasion, and tenders to officers and privates his thanks.

David Holmes.

Commander in chief Militia Miss: Territory

From the Governor
to
the Secretary of the Treasury.

Town of Washington 28th January 1811.

Sir

I transmit to you a account as reported by vouchers of the contingent expences of this Government for the two last quarters of the year ending the last day of December 1810. The sd account amounts to that period to the sum of 161.98½ dollars, which sum being deducted from the 163-44 the amount of a bill drawn by me on you in favour of Thomas Lucas a balance of 1.42½ cents in favour of the United States which balance has been paid as per receipt to Henry Dearing[illegible] Treasury of the Territory, whose duty it was to keep the account of the contingent fund.

I am &c.
David Holmes.

Hon'ble A. Gallatin
Sec'r. Treasury.

From the Governor
to
Secretary of the Treasury

Town of Washington, 30th January 1811.

Sir

I transmit to you the returns of the Apothecaries relative to manufacturing establishments and manufactures within this Territory.

The general abstract which is also forwarded contains a view of the state of our manufactures as could be obtained from returns. It is not in my power at present to make out the abstract more com-

Compensation, as I have had no opportunity [illegible]
of procuring from either of the Territorial Judges the requisite vouchers
for the additional allowances. The melancholy event of Judge Rodney's
death happened a day or two before the last returns were received. Judge
Potts left for North Carolina early in December, and Judge Lucas
resides about sixty miles from this place. The latter gentleman I expect
to see in a few days, when I shall submit to him an account of the
additional compensations, which it is contemplated to make.

I am, Sir, with great respect,
Yr. ob[illegible]
David Holmes.

The Hble
Albert Gallatin,
Secy of the Treasury.

From the Governor
to
Secretary of State. 2

Sir.

Town of Washington, N. J. January 30th 1811.

I transmit to you an aggregate of the returns
of Salem according to the acts of Congress made for that purpose, and also
a copy of my oaths made for the faithful performances of their duty.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Sir, Yr. ob[illegible],
David Holmes.

The Hble
Robt. Smith,
Secy of State.

From Governor Holmes 2
to
Governor Claiborne 8

Town of Washington, N. J. 1st Feby 1811.

Dear Sir,

I inclose to you an affidavit of Caleb Biggs of Wilkinson
County in their Territory, stating that certain persons therein named did, on
the 16th inst., rob him of six hundred double loons in gold and some silver.
It has been informed that, the persons who perpetrated this act
immediately fled into the Orleans Territory, and that they are now
residing near the lines of demarcation in the Bayou Sarah settlement
I have, therefore, to request that you will have taken and secured the
persons of William Coleman, Samuel Coleman, Willis Dawson, Stephen
Cobb, Farmer Cobb and Ferrably in order that they may be convey

to this Territory for the above offence.

Given under my hand & seal

Mr. Excellency

William C.C. Claiborne.

David Holmes.

Mississippi Territory,

Wilkinson County ss

A Copy.

Be it remembered that Caleb Briggs personally appeared this 22nd day of January 1811, before me, Josiah Johnston, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, and made oath that in the night of the 16th Inst: William Colbraith, James Colbraith, Willis Dawson Stephen Cobb Farrar Cobbaraith Kennedy did feloniously and forcibly break and enter his dwelling house, and did feloniously take and carry away six hundred dollars in gold and twenty five dollars in silver, and did break the locks of the trunks which contained the same. The said six hundred dollars he had shortly before received from his father's estate by the hands of James Simmons whose father was executor of the last will and Testament of this deponents father.

Sworn and subscribed the day and date first above written before me

Jo. Johnston.

(sign)

Caleb Briggs

I certify the above is a true copy

C. J.

A Copy

Mississippi Territory. On this 31st January 1811, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace for said County, Caleb Briggs, and made oath to the truth of the within statement. Witness my hand and seal

David Holmes. (L.S.)

From the Governor
to
Colo. David Nelson

Town of Washington, 3rd Feby 1811.

Sir.

Colo. Pickard having resigned his appointment
of Lt. Colo. of the 5th regiment, you have been promoted to that office
by the Commission in his stead intended.

Majr. Dent's resignation was received a few days
ago, Will you by the first opportunity communicate to me the name
of the senr. Captains in each of the Battalions in order that they may
be commissioned as Majors.[2]

I have the honor to be, with respect,
Colo. David Nelson. Yr. obt. David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
The Secretary of State.

Town of Washington, Mi. T. 2nd. February 1811.

Sir.

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 21st of December
on the 22nd ultimo.

The first intimation I received of an expedition being on
contemplation against Mobile by certain Citizens of the Tombigby settlements
was early in last Summer. Measures were immediately taken to suppress any
such mischievous designs, and I had reason to believe from a letter which I
received from Judge Toulmin, in September, that the project, if it ever
existed had been entirely abandoned. Copies of the letters written and orders
issued relative to this business were forwarded to you by mail.

When Reuben Kemper appeared on that part of the
County as the agent of the Government of Florida, some of the inhabi-
tants from this side of the line joined his standard. The number
from the best information that I have been able to obtain could not
have exceeded thirty. A party of them, consisting of about twenty, were
attacked and defeated by a Spanish force. This affair took place a few days
before

begun the prosecutions for treasonable acts committed. Previous to which time it was the [illegible]
that the Governor would send down troops to take possession of Florida and
case Governor Claiborne refused to give up the keys of the stores
houses. Prosecutions have been instituted under the act of Congress
Kemper and others: but from the best information that I have been able
to procure I do not believe that any number of inhabitants assembled
this side of the line with an intention of attacking Mobile. A gentleman
of respectability arrived here on Saturday last from Fort Stoddart. He
informed me, that when Col. Sparks received the first communication
from Governor Claiborne, he immediately betook himself on horseback to take possession
of Mobile, and, for that purpose, called out the Militia, that had been placed
at his command conformable to an arrangement that had been made
by Governor Claiborne and myself. I did not see the instructions given
to Col. Sparks, as they were made out by Governor Claiborne at Natchez
the day that he left that place for West Florida. When Col. Sparks arrived
at Mobile, he ordered the Militia to be dismissed. This arrangement
the prosecutions that had been commenced against the individuals who
had joined Kemper my informant states) occasioned a considerable degree
of irritation, but no apprehensions were entertained that an attempt would
be made to take Mobile by force.

From the time Mr. Thos. F. Williams left the Secretary's
office, until the arrival of Mr. Deiregaicol, which was on the 9th of January
last, I employed, as Clerk in the office, Mr. White Jr. a young man
highly respectable for his integrity and sobriety. I was not authorized to
promise any compensation for his services, but as the public has derived
the benefit of his labours I think him justly entitled to a remuneration.
Seventy dollars will not be more than sufficient to reimburse what he may
reasonably have expended for the support of his family during the time employed. Mr. Wright
succeeded the bearing of the office after the appointment was withheld from Mr. Taylor
will however be satisfied with whatever you may think proper to allow. I send
to you a duplicate of my letter of the first of January and also a duplicate

of the nature of the answer.

Permit me to suggest the propriety of supplying the
vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge Rodney as soon as may accord
best with the convenience of the Government

I have the honor to be, Sir, with great respect
Your obt
To the Secty of State. David Hoffman.

From Governor Hoffman
to
Governor Hackemer

Town of Washington, Mo. Feb. 7th 1811

Dear Sir

I enclosed to you by last mail an affidavit made
by Isaac Briggs, charging several persons therein named with having
robbed him of a large sum of money, and requesting that they might
be arrested. Since then I have received information, which induces me
to believe, that the foul action has not taken place, and that the persons
charged with this crime have not committed it. You will, therefore,
suspend taking any measures in relation to this business until you again
hear from me.

I am, dear Sir, with respect
Your Obt Servt
To Governor Hackemer. David Hoffman.

From the Governor
To
the Commissioners Office
Canton near Washington.

Town of Washington, Mo. Feby 11th 1811.

Sir

Captain Stroman will deliver to you ten stand of
arms, which he is ordered, some time ago in consequence of a requisition
made by me on the 17th of January. I have the honor to be, with the
highest respect, Sir, your obt
To the Commissioners office, David Hoffman
Canton near Washington.

From the Governor
to
Colo Carson. Requesting a
letter which relates to public business.

Town of Washington, Mch
12th of February 181

Sir.

I have generally made it a rule to promote the Militia officers according to grade and seniority. In cases where the oldest officer declines accepting the promotion, the next in rank has been generally appointed. I will thank you to ascertain, under this rule those who are entitled to promotion in your regiment, and to forward a list of their names as soon as possible.

I am &c.
David Holmes.

Colo Joseph Carson.

From the Governor
to
John Haynes esqr.

Washington 12th February 1811.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 15th of December on the subject of the fine imposed upon Capt. Webber was not received until the 12th instant. His case has been acted upon and a part of the fine remitted. I have transmitted the following commissions (conformably to recommendations for Wayne County. The letters are directed to Col. Stephens. I will thank you to have them forwarded

I am, dear Sir, with great respect
&c. &c. &c.
David Holmes.

John Haynes esqr.

The Governors certificate to
the Secretary of publick accounts

I do hereby certify that, from evidence exhibited to me, it appears that Charles Coates and Matthew Lynch did, under the proclamation issued by me, on the 23rd day of July 1810, apprehend Patrick Geary, who was tried and convicted of manslaughter, and I do further certify that they are, in my opinion, entitled to the reward offered in the aforesaid proclamation. Given under my hand this 1st of March 1811

Richd Walsh—esq.
Auditor of publick accounts.

David Holmes
Govr Misp: Territory

From the Governor
to
Thomas Batchelor

Town of Washington. 1st March 1811.

Sir.

Your letter of the 4th inst., inclosing a warrant to apprehend William Bradford, charged with having committed felony in feloniously, breaking off and carrying away two negroes, has been received. But the warrant is not sufficient evidence, according to the statute of the United States to justify me in demanding Bradford of Governor Harbert. The statute requires that an indictment found against the accused person, or an affidavit charging him with having committed the offence, made before a magistrate, shall accompany the demand for his delivery. You will, therefore, be pleased to procure such an affidavit to be made by Agrippa Grayden or Thomas Batchelor or both, and sent to me, whereupon I will take such measures on the subject as will be proper to cause Bradford to be removed to this Territory. You will be pleased to name some person in your neighborhood who is a fit and proper person to

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the emptying to receive Brashford in New Orleans and bring him to Jurisdiction. The affidavits should be subscribed by the persons who shall make them.

Mr. Tho^{s}. Batchelor.

Yr. mo. & H.

David Holmes.

From the Governor }
To }
Edmund Wardenay. }

Town of Washington, 2nd March 1811.

(No 1)

A communication from the President of the U.S. appointing you a member of the legislative council of this territory, was received by us, by the last mail, and is now in our possession. A doubt having been suggested whether it will be convenient for you to act under this appointment, I have been thereby induced to give you this information without delay, and to request you to acquaint me with your determination relative to the acceptance of this appointment.

Yr. mo. & H.

Edmund Warden esq.

David Holmes.

From the Governor Holmes. }
To }
Governor Claiborne. }

Town of Washington, 8th March 1811.

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 5th January, on the first inst.; informing me that a man, calling himself William Bradford, was confined in the Jail of your City, charged with having stolen two negroes from the County of Amite, and that you would deliver the said Bradford upon the demand of the Executive authority of this Territory. I now enclose to you an affidavit made by Ogrespa Gayden, stating that to the said William Bradford has been given the salary with which he is charged. I have therefore to request

request that you will deliver him to Thomas Jones esq. that he may be brought back to the County of Amite to receive his

His Excellency
William C. C. Claiborne

I have the honor to be, &c,
P. mo: C. G.
David Holmes.

From Governor Holmes
to
Gabriel Duvall esq.
Comptroller of the Treasury

Town of Washington, M.T. 13th March 1811

Sir.

I transmit to you an abstract of the compensation due to the Governor and his assistants for taking the census of this Territory. The circumstance of Judge Rodney's death, which happened about the time that I received the returns of the assistants, prevented my being able to procure the certificate required by law for the additional allowances, until I could visit Judge Bates, who resides at a considerable distance from this place. I may not receive it for me, until a few days ago, to leave the seat of Government for this purpose, which will account for my not forwarding the abstract at an earlier period

Gabriel Duvall esq.
Comptroller of the treasury.

I have the honor &c
David Holmes.

P.S.

The certificate of Judge Innes was obtained by the assistant of Madison County. You will, however, observe that Judge Bates' certificate relates to all the additional allowances.

D.H.

From Governor Holmes
To
Capt. Beckel. ....

Town of Washington, 15th March

Sir,

You will cause to be delivered to Lieutenant White the arms belonging to the United States, which were placed in the hands of your company, on the 18th. of January last, in consequence of the alarm which then existed. You will take his receipts for the same and transmit it to this office.

By order

Capt. Beckel
of the light Infantry.

David Holmes.

Governor Holmes
to
Judge Brooks

Town of Washington, 19th March 1811.

Sir,

Your letter of the 18th inst. was handed to me last evening, stating that certain outrages have been committed in the City of Natchez, by an armed riot, in defiance of the civil authority, and requesting the aid of the Militia to enforce the execution of the laws in case the usual means should be found inadequate to the purpose.

The Sheriff is accordingly to call to his assistance the power of the County to take any offender against whom a process has issued. In the event of this mode proving unavailing where the offenders are of considerable force, and armed with a view of resisting the authority of the County, they are to be considered as insurgents, against whom the laws will authorize the militia to be used. The High Sheriff has my instructions to repair to Natchez to receive from you process to apprehend the individuals of the band

If he should not be able to take them in the usual manner he is directed to call on Capt. David Bucket for assistance, who will have my orders upon the subject. No person is to be apprehended by the militia but those who have actually resisted the civil authority, or who have appeared in arms for that purpose. Those who have upon the prisons or dwellings of the officers for having done their duty, and cannot be taken otherwise will of course be subject to be apprehended by the militia.

The honble
Judge Brooks.

I am, Sir, with great respect,
Yr. obt. Servt
David Holmes

The Governor . . . . .
to
Capt. David Bucket.

Town of Washington, 19th March 1811.

Sir,

It has been represented to me by the honorable Samuel Brooks chief Magistrate of the City of Natchez that a Banditti of armed rioters have committed outrages upon the persons and property of some of the good citizens of that place, and that military aid will in all probability be requisite to enforce and support the authority of the laws. The usual mode of apprehending offenders must be first tried; if it should prove ineffectual the Sheriff has my instructions to call upon you for assistance. In this event you will consider yourself entirely under the directions of the civil authority; you will not, however, order your company to fire upon any of the rioters unless actual resistance is made in a way to endanger the lives of the civil officers, or of some of your detachment; nor will you intercept or attempt to apprehend any persons but such as may be designated by the Sheriff as persons who have forcibly resisted his authority. On receiving this letter you will

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order your company to parade with arms in order that they
ready to aid the Sheriff in the event of that course becoming abs
necessary. You will recollect, Sir, that the duty which may d
upon you is of a very delicate nature, and will require your d
attention in order to prevent any improper act being committed

Capt. David Becket. Respectfully, yr. obt. St.

David Holmes

The Governor
to
The Sheriff of Adams
County

Town of Washington, 19th March 181

It has been represented to me by the chief magistrate of the City of Natchez that a banditte of armed ruffians have committed great outrages upon some of the persons and property of the good citizens of that place, and that he apprehends that military aid will be requisite to support the authority of the laws; You will, therefore, immediately repair to Natchez and call upon Judge Brooks for legal process against these persons, which you will endeavour to have executed in the usual manner. If it should be requisite you will summon persons to assist you, should the rioters be armed and resist by force, you will apply to Captain Becket for assistance, who has my instructions upon the subject. You will however, observe, that the militia are not to be called upon but in the event of you not being able to take the offenders with the aid of the posse comitatus.

If Capt. Becket should be called upon he will be entirely under your directions, and will accompany you to such places as you may designate. His object will be merely to protect you in the execution of your duty, and be ready to act in any other capacity. His force, however, it will not be necessary to resort to this mode of apprehending these persons, but

that you will be able to accomplish it with such of the Citizens as you may call to your assistance upon the occasion.

I am, Sir, Yr. obt. Sv.

David Holmes.

Wm. Montfort Calvit.
Sheriff of Adams County.

The Governor
&
The Comptroller of the
Treasury, &c.

Town of Washington, 20th. March 1811.

Sir,

I transmit to you a duplicate of the abstract of compensation due to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory for taking and returning the census conformably to law.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, Sir, yr. obt.

David Holmes.

Gabriel Duvall esq.
Comptroller of the treasury &c.

David Holmes, Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

To all who shall see these presents Be it known, that E. Turner esq. is hereby authorized and empowered to administer all oaths of office required by law to the several officers whom I have or may appoint in the County of Warren and Territory aforesaid

Given under my hand, at the Town of Washington the 21st day of March 1811.

David Holmes.

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The Governor
To
Mr. E. Turner

Town of Washington, 21st March 1811

Dear Sir

I inclose to you a commission of constable for Daniels Choolin conformably to your recommendation, and I also transmit to you a general power to administer oaths of office

Mr. E. Turner.

I am, &c. with great respect
Yr. obt. St.
David Holmes.

The Governor...
to
Mr. E. Randolph

Washington, N.C. 22nd March 1811.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 12th instant I received by the last mail. I cannot advise the course that ought to be pursued by the persons who have been charged by Biggs, nor would it be proper for me to direct the Justices to issue a warrant against them. I expect however to be in Pasquotank in a few days when I shall have an opportunity of conversing with you upon the subject

Mr. E. Randolph

Yr. obt.
David Holmes.

The Governor
to
Albert Gallatin esq:
Secretary of the treasury

Town of Washington, 22nd March 1810

Sir

I have this day drawn a bill upon you in favour of Parke Walton for one thousand and twenty four dollars and eighty eight and one half ... cents, being the amount of compensation due to me and the assistants employed by me for taking and returning the census conformably to the acts of Congress passed in the year 1810. Duplicate abstracts of the account have been forwarded to the comptroller of the treasury.

I have the honor to be with great respect,

Albert Gallatin esq:
Secretary of the treasury.

Sir, Your obt. St.

David Holmes.

The Governor
to
Albert Gallatin esq:
Secretary of the Treasury.

Town of Washington, 1st April 1811

Sir

I have this day drawn a bill upon you for five hundred dollars in favour of Parke Walton, being the amount of my salary for the last quarter. By the public prints I perceive that the Charter of the Bank of the United States has not been renewed, of course my salary for the last quarter is unpaid, or that institution alone was authorized to receive it.

I am, dear sir, with great respect,

Albert Gallatin esq:
Secretary of the treasury.

Your obt. St.

David Holmes.

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The Governor
to
Silas Dinsmoor
Chactaw Agent.

Town of Washington, 2nd April 1

Sir,

I have considered the case of Wall and sundry half bred chactaws, submitted to me by your letter of the 5th of February last.

The outrage committed upon the persons of Doctr. Willson and Mr. Quimby is clearly established by the affidavits of Colo. C. West and Jane S. West. In my opinion it cannot be overlooked without endangering the safety of travellers who may pass through the Indian Country; I have, therefore, determined that, as a punishment for Wall, he shall leave the Country. You will, therefore, in order to give him to go out of the nation immediately, informing him at the same time, that he is not to enter any part of the Indian Country within the limits of the United States. If he should refuse, or hesitate to obey the order, you will adopt such measure for his removal as you are authorized to take against persons who are found in the Indian Country contrary to the provisions of the acts relating to Indian intercourse.

If in your opinion military force should be requisite to effect his removal, it shall be furnished upon your application to me. Against the conduct of the half breed chactaws you will remonstrate with the chiefs of the nation for their violation of the existing treaty.

I inclose to you the representation of Francis Surget, stating that an Indian of the Chactaw tribe had murdered a negro woman slave belonging to him. The statements and affidavits contain all the information that I possess in relation to the case

will represent the circumstances of this affair to the chiefs and the indians charged with having committed the crime.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your ob.t

David Holmes.

Wm. Silas Dinsmoor.
Chactaw Agent.

The Governor
&
Hon.ble William Eustis
Secretary of war...

Sir,

Town of Washington, 3.rd April 1811.

I have this day drawn a bill of exchange upon you, in favour of David Berry, interpreter to the Chactaw indians, for seventy five dollars; being the amount of his salary for the quarter ending the first day of the present month.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your ob.t Sv.t

David Holmes.

Hon.ble William Eustis.
Secretary of War.

From the Secretary exercising the powers of governor,
to
Edward Ward esq.

Town of Washington, 27th April 1811.

Sir,

In the absence of the governor I avail myself of the favourable opportunity offered by Mr. Saunders to forward you the inclosed commission, whereby you are appointed a member of the legislative council of this Territory.

With great respect,

Your ob.t Sv.t

Henry Dearborn

Ward esq.

Henry Daingerfield, Secretary of the Mississippi Territory, the powers and performing the duties of the Governor of the said Territory in his absence,

To all who shall see these presents.

Be it known that Samuel Robinson esq. is hereby authorized and empowered to administer all oaths of office required by law to the several officers that have been or may be appointed in the County of Wilkinson in the said Territory by the Governor of the said Territory or by the Secretary thereof during a vacancy occasioned by the removal, resignation or necessary absence of the said Governor.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Territory, at the Town of Washington, 22nd April 1811.

Henry Daingerfield

From the Governor
to
the Secretary of the
Treasury U.S. &c.

Town of Washington, 7th May 1811.

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 10th ultimo, and also a letter from the Treasurer of the U.S. of the 11th April inclosing me a draft upon Parke G. Walton esq. for $1024 88/100 dollars being the amount of compensation due to me and my assistants for taking the censes of the Territory. On the 22nd of March last, after my accounts of compensations had been forwarded to the comptroller, I drew a bill at sight upon you in favour of Parke G. Walton for the amount, of which I advised you by letter. This draft has not been presented to me for payment, & while I have the honor to submit herewith to your

order. The bill, I hope, will be paid, as it has passed the
make me answerable here for damages to a considerable amount.

Honble Albert Gallatin,
Secretary of the Treasury.

I am, &c, with great respect,
Yr. obt. St.
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
The Secretary of the U.S.

Town of Washington. 7th May 1811.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 11th ultimo, inclosing a draft in my favour upon Pontius Walton esq: for dollars 1024 88/100.

On the 22d of March last I drew a Bill upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the amount of compensation due to me and the assistants for taking the census of the Territory. The draft which you have transmitted was intended to cover the same expenditure; I shall therefore retain the draft subject to your future order. I have written to the Secretary of the treasury upon the subject, and presume that he will direct my bill to be paid.

Hon'ble Thos. T. Tucker esq:
Treasurer U.S.

I am, &c, with great respect,
Yr. obt. St.
David Holmes.

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From the Governor
to
Thos. Hivers esq.

Town of Washington, 10th May

Dear Sir,

I inclose to you a commission as
Justice of the Orphan's Court in Jefferson County, which I hope
you may accept. I also inclose a commission for E. Green esq.
Justice of the Peace which I wish you to deliver to

Thos. Rivers esq.

I am, with regard,
Yr. obt. Servt.
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Montfort Calvert esq.

Town of Washington, 12th May, 1811.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the present instant requesting me to accept your resignation of the office of Sheriff of Adams County has been received.

In justice to my own feelings I must declare that, notwithstanding the objections to which you have alluded in my opinion of the rectitude of your intentions and the goodness of your heart remarks are altered. Your resignation is accepted, and Mr. White Jenkins is appointed your successor. To this Gentleman can you write, deliver the papres of your office. Receive the assurances of my wishes for your prosperity and happiness

Montfort Calvert esq.

Yr. obt. Sr.
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Mr. John Johnston

Town of Washington, 13th May 1811

Sir,

Your letter of the 3rd inst. and has been received. Mr. Joseph Johnston has been appointed Clerk of the superior Court of Baldwin County in the place of Mr. Richard Lee removed from office. You will, therefore, deliver to Mr. Johnston the papers of the office. If Mr. Lee shall have returned before you receive this letter be pleased to deliver him the inclosed.

I am, Sir, your ob. Serv.,

David Holmes.

Mr. John Johnston.

From the Governor
to
Mr. Richard Lee.

Town of Washington, 13th May, 1811.

Sir,

Your commission as Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Baldwin has been revoked. You will deliver the papers of your office to Mr. Joseph Johnston, who has been appointed to succeed you.

I am, Sir, your ob.,

David Holmes.

Mr. Richard Lee.

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From the Governor
to
Col.o Carson

Town of Washington, 14th May

Received

Dear Sir,

Your letter by Mr. Ware has been

Mr. Joseph Johnston has been appointed

Clerk of the superior Court for Baldwin County in the place

of Mr. Richard Lee. I enclose you a letter for Mr. John

Johnston, containing one for Mr. Lee, informing him that

his commission has been revoked.

Mr. William Bates has been appointed

a Justice of the Quorum for Baldwin County. You will oblige

me by having the letter and commission delivered.

I am, Sir, with great respect,

Col.o Carson.

Yr. obt. Servt.,

David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
James Christie esq.

Town of Washington, 27th May 1811.

Sir,

It has been represented to me that

one resident of the Chactaw nation, named Drop in the English

language, and Achenaby in the Chactaw, has threatened to

take the life of Peter Pugby or that of his son Peter, who resides

with him near the Buffalow Bridge. It is stated that he is

known to be carrying about the neighbourhood with that view, and that

an indian by the name of Petaus Jr Esqr, and a [illegible]
whose name is unknown, for misconduct in the discharge of
his threats into execution. It is proper that those citizens should
be relieved from their fears by having the indians appre-
hended and committed to jail if there exists sufficient
ground to believe that they will attempt to carry into execu-
their threats. I have, therefore, advised them to apply to
you for a warrant in the usual form. It will be ad-
visable that the officer should summon a force to assist
him in the execution of this duty. The indian interpreter
has been ordered to repair to the neighbourhood with instruc-
tions relative to the subjects whereby to shape his conduct.
If you should have occasion for his services as an interpreter
you will call upon him.

I am &c.

James Christie esq.

Wm Clark

David Holmes.

The Governor
to
David C. Holliday esq.

Washington, 4th May 1811.

(No 8)

I having returned to this place before your
letter to Mr Darragh (sic) could, in the regular discharge of administering oaths of
office to the officers of Wilkinson County, be addressed to him, it is
proper that the information required by you should be given by
me.

No person can administer oaths of office to the

offices appointed by me with which a special power and
do so; and it is necessary that those gentlemen to whom
administers oaths of office, believing that you have the
Chief Justice of the orphans Court for Wilkinson County
do so, should take the oaths again before some person
authorized to administer them. A commission authorizing
you to perform this service is enclosed, and you will please
to understand that it does not revoke the like authority
heretofore given to Mr. Samuel Robinson, there being no
objection to its being exercised by several persons at the same
time in the same County.

Yr. mo. Ob. Sv.

David Holmes.

David C. Hollis Esq.

From the Governor
To
David Berry.
Interpreter to the Chactaws.

Town of Washington, 29th May 18

Sir.

I have been informed that an indian
of the Chactaw nation (named Dreo in the English language
& Chactaw) has threatened to take the life of Mr.
Presley or that of his son Peter, who resides with him near the
Buffalo Bridge. I am also informed that this indian has m
this threat, because he has been told that an indian of his nat
who is in suspected at last Christmas and is not yet found, w
murdered by one of Mr. Peter Presley's sons, that he is encouraged
carry his threat into execution by an indian named Peter-Jus
and that he is now lying in ambush to accomplish his purpo

of murdering one of Mr. Peter Pugh's family. You will therefore, on your repair to the neighbourhood near the Buffaloe Bridge, and make enquiry to me and converse with the Indians concerned in this transaction, and all others of the Chactaw nation resident there. Inform them that if any of the people in that neighbourhood, or attempt to do so, that they will be punished and effectual measures will be taken to bring them to punishment.

You will also inform them that if they have cause of complaint against any white person within the Territory it must be made to me, or the agent of the nation, by either of whom it will be properly attended to

Mr. David Berry.
Interpreter to the Chactaws.

Yr. obt. Sr.
David Holmes.

From the Governor
To
Mr. Daniel Beasley.

Town of Washington, 20th June 1811.

Dear Sir

I wish thank you to deliver the inclosed communication to Mr. Burch the collector, who will deliver it to Mr. Bowie.

Mr. Daniel Beasley.

Yr. obt. Servt.,
David Holmes.

From the Governor
To
Rowland Allen esq.

Town of Washington, 25th June 1811.

Sir

I inclose herein you a commission of Justice of the Quorum in and for the County of Washington to fill the place vacated by the resignation of Dennis Dunbar esq., of which I request you to accept.

Rowland Allen esq.

Yr. mo. ob. St.
David Holmes.

From the Governor
To
Mr. Silas Dinsmoor
Chactaw Agent.

Town of Washington, 25th June 1811.

Sir.

I informed Noah Wall that the order for him to leave the Indian Country and not return again in consequence of the outrage committed upon Wilson and Mr. Dunby could not be revoked, and that no further consideration, at present, could be had upon the subject. He stated to me that he had property and debts due to him in the Chactaw nation, and that he had given money to certain persons residing there. I informed him that you should have a discretionary power to adopt any mode you might think proper to enable him to

his business. If to accomplish this purpose it should, in your opinion, be necessary to permit him to return for a limited time to the states you will grant him the privilege

Yr. obt. Servt.

Mr. Silas Dinsmoor
Chactaw agent.

David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
The Secretary of the treasury

Jours of Washington, Miss. 5th July, 1811.

Sir,

I have this day drawn a bill upon you in favour of Parke Walton, or order, for four hundred dollars being the amount of my salary due for the quarter ending with the last day of the last month.

I have the honor to be with great respect,

Yr. obt. Sr.

David Holmes.

Honble. Albert Gallatin,
Secretary of the treasury.

N.B. The Governor having made a different arrangement of the business mentioned in this letter after it was recorded it was not sent to the Secretary of the treasury.

From the Governor
to
The Secretary of War

Jours of Washington, Miss. T. 9th July 1811

Sir

I have this day drawn a bill upon you in favour of David Berry for $75. being the amount of his salary as interpreter to the Chactaw indians for the quarter ending with the last day of the last month.

I have the honor to be

Yr. obt. Servt.

David Holmes.

Honble
William Eustis
Secretary of War.

From the Governor
to
Wm Bry.d S. Smoot.

Town of Washington 14th July 1811.

Sir,

I have been greatly surprized at not having received, in due time, the returns of the election from your County for the delegate to represent this Territory in the Congress of the United States. I cannot suppose, considering the time that you have acted as Sheriff of the County, that you could have been ignorant of the law upon this subject, if even such ignorance ought, in any degree to palliate a neglect of a positive duty, the correct and punctual performance of which is so important to the rights of the people.

It is possible that some accident may have prevented the arrival of the returns at this office. I, therefore, request that you will immediately inform me whether they were forwarded and by whom, in order that I may judge of your conduct upon this occasion.

Wm Bry.d S. Smoot
Sheriff of Washington County.

Yr. obt. Servt.
David Holmes.

From the Governor
To
Albert Gallatin esq.
Secretary of the Treasury

Town of Washington. 16th July 1811.

Sir,

I have this day drawn a bill upon you in favour of Joseph Storrs for five hundred dollars, being the amount of my salary due for the quarter ending with the last day of the last month.

I am, Sir, with great respect,
Yr. obt. Servt.
David Holmes.

Hon.ble Albert Gallatin
Secretary of the Treasury

From the Governor
To the Hon.ble Albert Gallatin,
Secretary of the Treasury

Town of Washington, N.J. 16th July 1811

Sir,

Your letter of the 31st of May I received by the last mail
I really believed when I drew upon you for the amount of compensa
due to me and my assistants for taking the census that I was acting
to do so by your letter of instructions, and when I was informed
by your letter of the 10th of April that you entertained a different
opinion I felt much anxiety upon the subject. From this I am
relieved by knowing the course that has been ultimately taken
respecting the bill. As the amount advanced by Mr. Monroe can
be soon replaced by remittances from this place I have by
appropriating my salary, for the purpose I have adopted that
mode, and have proceeded to keep by these small bills on the
Government for $900. being all that I could at this time obtain
The balance $124.88 shall be remitted by the next mail, in a
bill, if the can be procured, otherwise in Bank notes current in
Washington City.

I am, Sir, with great respect,
Your Ob.t Serv.t
David Holmes.

Hon.ble Albert Gallatin,
Secretary of the Treasury.

From the Secretary
To
Mr. Joseph Nourse
Register of the Treasury

Dawn of Lexington Mass. 16th July

Dear Sir,

I received a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury yesterday by the Mail, informing me that you had advanced the amount of a bill drawn by me upon the Treasury department for the compensation due to myself and my Guides for taking the census of this Territory (amounting to $1824.88) The money having been remitted to me by the Treasurer in a draft upon Parke Walton, receiver of public monies at this place, after I had drawn for the same. I am consequently desired to replace the amount advanced by you as soon as possible. I, therefore, transmit to you, by this days mail, bills upon the Government to the amount of $900, as stated at foot, being all that I could at this time obtain. By the next mail I will forward the balance, in a bill if it can be procured, otherwise in such Bank notes as are current in Washington, and also the second bill of the set now transmitted.

Be pleased to acknowledge by the first opportunity the receipt of this letter and the bills stated as accompanying it.

I am, with great respect, Sir
Yr obt Servt
David Holmes.

Mr Jos. Nourse,
Register of the Treasury.

A Bill in favour of Joseph Nourse drawn by Henry Dearborn dated 9th July 1811 for ... $ 250.

By David Holmes in favour of Joseph Nourse 15th July 1811. 500.

A bill drawn by David Holmes in favour of David Berry interpreter to the Chactaws upon William Eaton Secretary &c. dated 3d April 1811 for ... 75

A bill drawn by the same in favour of the same upon the same Session dated July 9th 1811. ... 75

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The first bills only are transmitted.

A Proclamation

By David Holmes, Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

Know ye, that agreeably to the returns received from several Counties (returns having been made from all the Counties within this Territory except the County of Washington) it appears that George Poindexter my competitor is elected to represent this Territory in the Congress of the United States until the 4th day of March 1813.

I do, therefore, in compliance with the laws of this Territory proclaim the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Territory to be hereunto annexed affixed, this 9th day of July 1811, and in the 36th year of the Independence of the United States.

David Holmes.

Seal.

General Orders. Head Quarters, Town of Washington, 29. July 1811.

The commander in chief orders that the companies commanded at present by Captains David Fleming, William Dough-erty, John King and the company formerly commanded by Capt. Mitchel shall form a third Battalion of the third Regiment.

Colo. Wood will give to the Battalion three formed such regimental orders as are required by law in consequence of its recent organization.

David Holmes,
Comm.r in chief Mil. Misp. Territory.

From the Governor
to
the president pro tem.

Town of Washington, Mo. T. 29. July 1811

Sir.

I left Virginia within so short a period after my appointment to the Government of this Territory that I had no opportunity of adjusting my private concerns, and was consequently unable to bring with me the residue of a small patrimony which would have remained after the settlements of my accounts. Although I have seriously felt the inconveniences arising from this circumstance ever since my arrival in this Territory, yet, until the present moment, for various considerations of public duty, I could not reconcile it to a sense of propriety to ask for permission to return. Mr. Downing applied, who is now in full possession of all the information relative to the administration of this Government, I am confident from the correctness of his judgment and his attachment to the general Government will be able to discharge the duties that may devolve upon him in the event of my absence to the entire satisfaction of yourself, and with all the advantage to the community that can be justly expected. I therefore feel at liberty to request your permission to return to Virginia this State of Virginia this fall, provided in your opinion no event will occur during the winter which may require the attention of both Mr. Downing and myself to the public business in this part of the County. At present it is my intention, if I should obtain your permission to set out early in October next. You may however rest assured that if any thing should

never before my departure which may witness a belief that his interest will be promoted by my remaining in the territory I will not avail myself of the said allowance.

I am Sir, with high respect and esteem,

Your mo: ob: Serv:t

David Holmes.

James Madison Esq.
President U.S.

From the Governor
To
Judge Clark ... 3

Iron of Washington, 8th August 1811.

Dear Sir,

When I had the pleasure of seeing you some time ago in this place I mentioned to you that a complaint had been exhibited against John G. Jones the Clerk of the County and superior Courts of Warren, and requested you to have the goodness to make some enquiry respecting the conduct of this officer. Since then four of the members of the County Court have requested that he may be removed stating his want of capacity to discharge the duty of the office of County Court Clerk. If you have made the enquiry will you be so obliging as to let me know the result by the earliest opportunity.

Two Indians were committed to the jail of this County some days ago on a charge of having committed murder. How ever true that I can learn there exists no testimony to prove the charge or in fact that any crime has been committed by them. The Indians in this neighbourhood show great solicitude on the occasion, and are daily making complaints to me on the subject of their companions and countrymen being in confinement. It would be a great relief to me if you could visit this place and examine into the cause of their commitment.

I am, Dr Sir, with great respect,
Yr. ob.t Serv.t
David Holmes.

Hon.ble Walter Leake.

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The two following affidavits, and [illegible] were not received before the foregoing [illegible]

Mississippi Territory }
Adams County ss. }

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the County aforesaid, Henry Young of the Illinois Territory, and J. Garner of the State of Tennessee, who being duly sworn on their oaths do depose, that a certain negro of a likely countenance, who talks English and some indean, about twenty three years old; of the name of Ned, is in the opinion, and to the best knowledge and belief of the deponants property of Capt. Wm Boone of the Illinois Territory, who his said negro wants to return through the wilderness to his own place of residence.

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
the 8th day of July 1811.

Henry + Young
Mark
of
John J. Garner

W. H. Beaumont J.P.
Adams County. M.T.

Mississippi Territory }
Adams County ss. }

On this 9th day of June 1811, personally appears before me a Justice of the peace for said County, William Boone a Citizen of the Territory of Illinois Illinois and made oath that for the execution of the within certificate he did pay one dollar unto the Justice who's name is thereunto subscribed and that he paid said price as the fee for said certificate in obedience to the information and charge of the said Justice, who in person received the money of the deponant. Sworn and subscribed before me—

D. Rawlings

Wm Boone

Sir, Town of Washington, 3rd Augt 1811.

A charge is made upon the annexed affidavit and certificate is made to me against you for having received larger fee than you were authorized by law to receive as a Justice of the peace for your services rendered.

You'r answer to this charge I expect you to make immediately.

Wm H. Beaumont esq.

Yr. obt. Servt.
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
J. Neely ...
Cherokee Agent.

Town of Washington, 10th August 1811.

Sir,

The bearer of this, Mr. Henry Green, informed that a negro woman named Franky, whom he purchased of John Meason, ran away from him on the 11th of June last, and that he believes that she is now on the Cherokee nation. Mr Green is a man of Character and respectability. The object of his journey is to obtain prosecution of the negro man. I must therefore request that you will afford him all the aid in the accomplishment of his purpose that may be consistent with your duty.

I am, Sir, with respect, Yr obt.
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Mr. Silas Dinsmoor
Chactaw Agent ...

Town of Washington, 11th August 1811.

Sir,

The bearer of this, Majr. Fleming, a respectable citizen of Adams County, informs me that a negro man of his named George ran away a few days ago, and that he has been informed that he was apprehended on the Chactaw nation, and delivered to you at the Agency.

The object of this letter is to inform you that I entertain no doubt but that whatever Majr. Fleming may state to you in relation to the business may be relyed upon as correct.

Mr. Silas Dinsmoor.

Yr mo. Obt. Sr.
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Silas Dinsmoor
Chact acc Agent Ind.

Town of Washington, N.J. 13th Aug.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter of the 10th. instant with its inclosure this morning.

I do not think from any thing contained in the letter from Joseph B. Chambers to you, that you will be justified in detaining the negro woman Patience. It appears from his statement that she had been held as a slave, and there is no evidence produced of her obtaining evidence to establish her right to freedom.

I am yours with respect
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Joseph Nourse. . . .
Regr. Ler. of the Treasury

Town of Washington, N.J. 13th Augt. 1811

Sir,

I wrote to you on the 8th. ultimo on the subject of the money advanced by you on my account to the treasury, and at the same time forwarded bills upon the Government for nine hundred dollars. The balance due is $124.88. This sum will be paid to you by Thomas B. Turpin who resides at Centreville in the State of Maryland. I was obliged to adopt this mode of paying the balance, having been disappointed in procuring the bills which I expected to obtain. Mr. Turpin will be punctual in transmitting to you the money as soon as he receives the letter (which goes by this days mail) directing him to do so:

I am with great respect and esteem
Yr obt Servt. David Holmes.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington

1st August 1811.

General orders.

The commanding officers of the following regiments will assemble the commissioned officers of their respective corps for the purpose of being trained and instructed by the Brigade Major, on the days and at the places following, viz.

The 2nd Regt at the Court House of Wilkenson County on the 3rd and 4th days of September next

The 1st Regt on the 6 and 7th of September at the Town of Liberty.

The 11th Regt on the 9th and 10th of September at Franklin Court House.

The 3rd Regt on the 13th and 14th of September at the Town of Washington.

The 4th Regt on the 17th and 18th of September at the Town of Greenville

The 5th Regt on the 20th & 21st of September at Gibsons Port.

The 10th Regt on the 23rd & 24th of September at the Town of Warren.

David Holmes.

Commander in chief Mil: Misp: Territory.

Extract from General Orders.

Head Quarters, Town of Washington

4th August 1811.

The 6th Regt will muster on Saturday the 26th of October, at such convenient place in the County of Washington, as the Commandant of the Regt shall order.

The 8th Regiment on Tuesday the 29th day of October, at such convenient place in the County of Baldwin as the commandant of the regiment may direct

The 9th Regt will muster on Thursday the 31st of October at such convenient place in the County of Wayne as the commandant of the Regt shall order.

David Holmes.

Commander in chief Mil: Misp: Terry

Head Quarters, Town of Washington

4th August 1811

General Orders.

It is ordered that the Regimental musters of the Militia of the Territory be held on the days and at the places following, viz.

The 10th Regiment at the Town of Warren on Thursday the 26th day of September next.

The 5th Regiment at Gibson Port on the following Saturday.

The 4th Regiment on Monday the 30th of September at Greenville.

The 3rd Regiment on Friday the 4th of October at Farars old field, on second creek.

The 2nd Regiment on Monday the 7th of October, at Wilkinson Court House.

The 1st Regiment on the following Wednesday at the Town of Liberty.

The 11th Regiment on Friday the 11th of October at Franklin Court House.

The 6th Regiment will muster on Saturday the 26th of October, at such convenient place in the County of Washington as the Commandant of the Regiment shall order.

The 8th Regiment will muster on Tuesday the 29th day of October at such convenient place in the County of Baldwin as the commandant of the Regiment may direct.

The 9th Regiment will muster on the 31st day of October, at such convenient place in the County of Wayne as the commanding officer of the Regiment shall order.

The 7th Regiment will muster on Thursday the 31st of Aug.
at Twickenham.

David Holmes.
Commander in chief Mil: Misp: Terr.

From the Governor
to
Colo. P. Perkins.

Town of Washington, M. T. 21st Aug 1811.

Dear Sir,

The irregularity of the opportunities by mail to Adams County induced me to delay answering any letters from that place after the arrival of Major Neal, until he should be about to return home. To this cause you will attribute your not having heard from me sooner. I have appointed Francis Harris Clerk of the superior Court, and herewith transmit you his commission, which I request you to deliver to him and at the same time to direct him to forward a Bond agreeable to law, before he enters upon the duties of his office. Major Neal takes with him a few commissions for your regiment, the names are left blank because he could not designate the particular vacancies that have taken place. You will in conjunction with the field officers insert the names of such persons as are entitled to be appointed.

I am, Dr Sir, with great respect,
your ob: Serv:
David Holmes.

The bond of Mr. Harris you can forward by the first safe opportunity.

D. H.

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From the Governor ...
to
J. Neilly esq:
Ind. agent to the Chickasaws.

Town of Washington, Mi. T. [illegible]

Sir,

Major Neal affords the first opportunity, which I have deemed proper to embrace, of forwarding to you the Bonds which you requested by your letter of the 9th of april last. The gentleman will deliver to you three blank licences, with a form of the bond which must be taken from each person to whom a licence to trade is granted, and forwarded to this office.

I am, dr, with respect,
Yr obt Servt
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo Patton ..

Town of Washington, Mi. T. 23d August 1811.

Sir,

Conformably to the recommendation made by your letter of the 19th ulto, I transmit to you sixteen commissions. The resignations of Capt: John Monroe and Capt: William Morgan are accepted.

I have the honor to be, &c
Yr obt Servt
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Colo David Holmes

Town of Washington, 26th August 1811

Sir,

I herewith transmit to you Military commission conformably to your recommendation, and also a commission for Justice of the peace for William Gardner, which I will thank you to have forwarded to him.

I am &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor
To
The honble Gideon Granger
Post master General &c

Town of Washington, M.T.
August 1811.

Sir,

I am now able to comply in part with the request made by your letter of the 24th of June. There are two roads from Pinckneyville to Baton Rouge. The one passing through St Francisville, a growing town near the Mississippi. The other called Thompsons creek road, which leaves St Francisville a short distance to the right. The latter is the most direct road, but I am convinced that it would be pro dactive of more convenience and advantage, that the mail should pass through the town. The first post office from Pinckneyville ought to be established at this place. Mr Amos Webb would be a proper person to appoint as Post master. The next Post office, I presume, ought to be established at St Johns plains, about twenty miles from St Francisville. Mr Richard Duval is a respectable man and will discharge the duties of post master. At Baton Rouge Mr James Chaisneau has been for some time employed in receiving and distributing letters for that place. From

every thing that I can learn of his Character he would be
to be appointed post master. If it should be thought prop
a post office at Mandeville, distant about sixteen miles fro
rouge. I would recommend as post master Mr James
My acquaintance from thence to Orleans is too limited to
to name persons who would accept appointments to the offi
that may be established on the coast. Governor Claiborne, I presu
can give the necessary information.

With great respect, Dr Sir, Your mo
humble obt
David Holmes.

From the Governor
To
Silas Dinsmoor esq.

Town of Washington, Miss. 30th Aug
1811.

Sir,

The bearer of this Mr Wilson Burto
is in pursuit of two negro men whom he states ran away
from his father Walker Burton some time last March. He
has lately understood that the negroes are in the Chactaw nation.

You will be pleased to render to Mr Burton
the assistance usually afforded on such occasions.

I am, Sir, Yr obt Servt
David Holmes.